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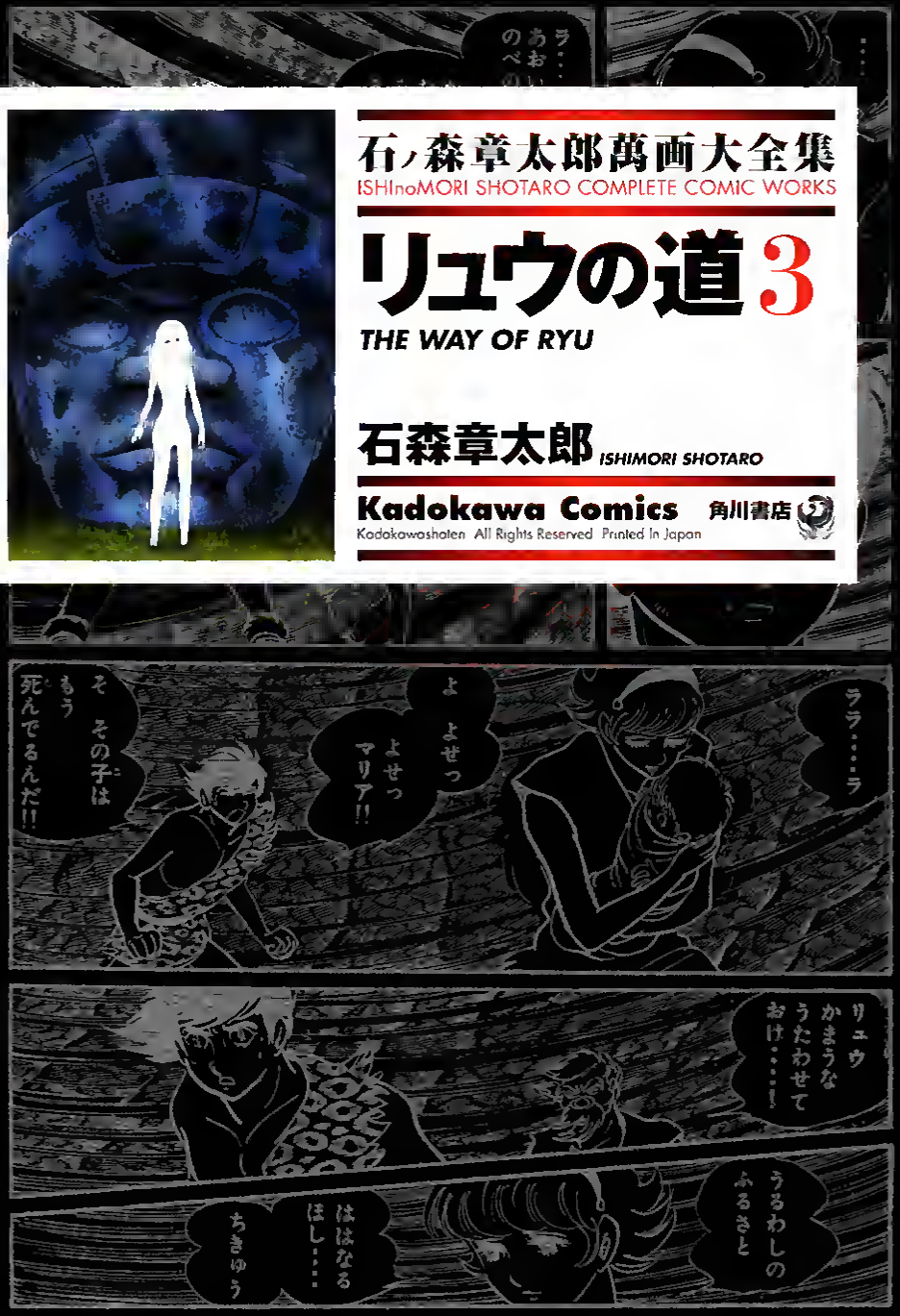

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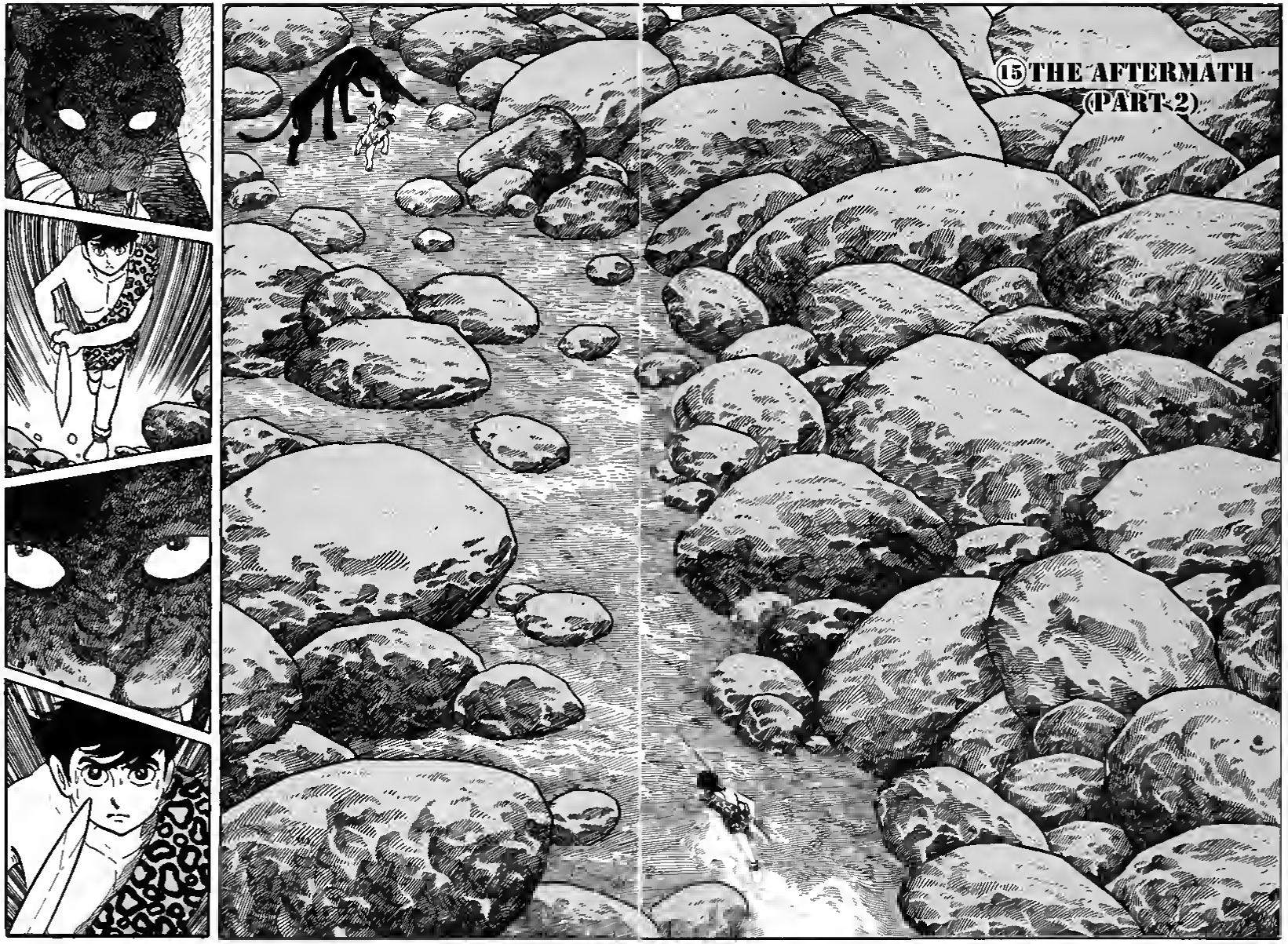
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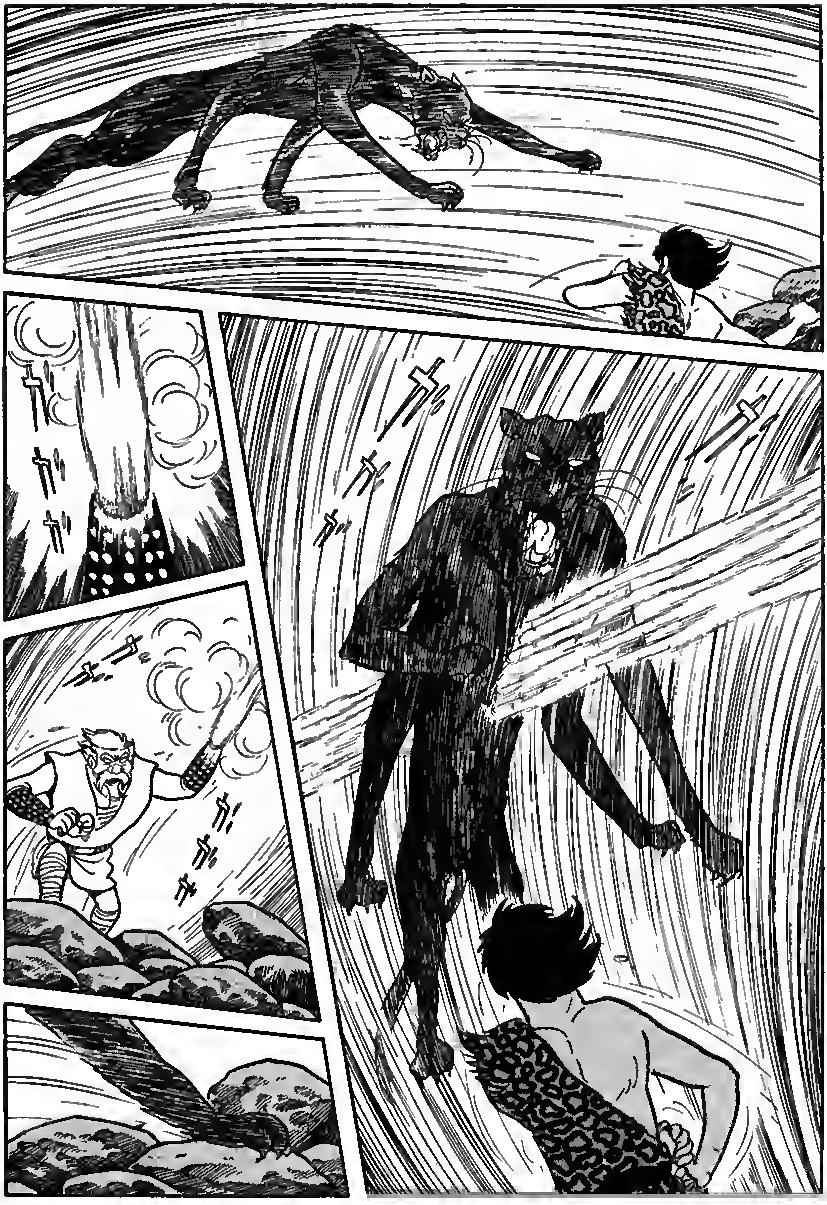

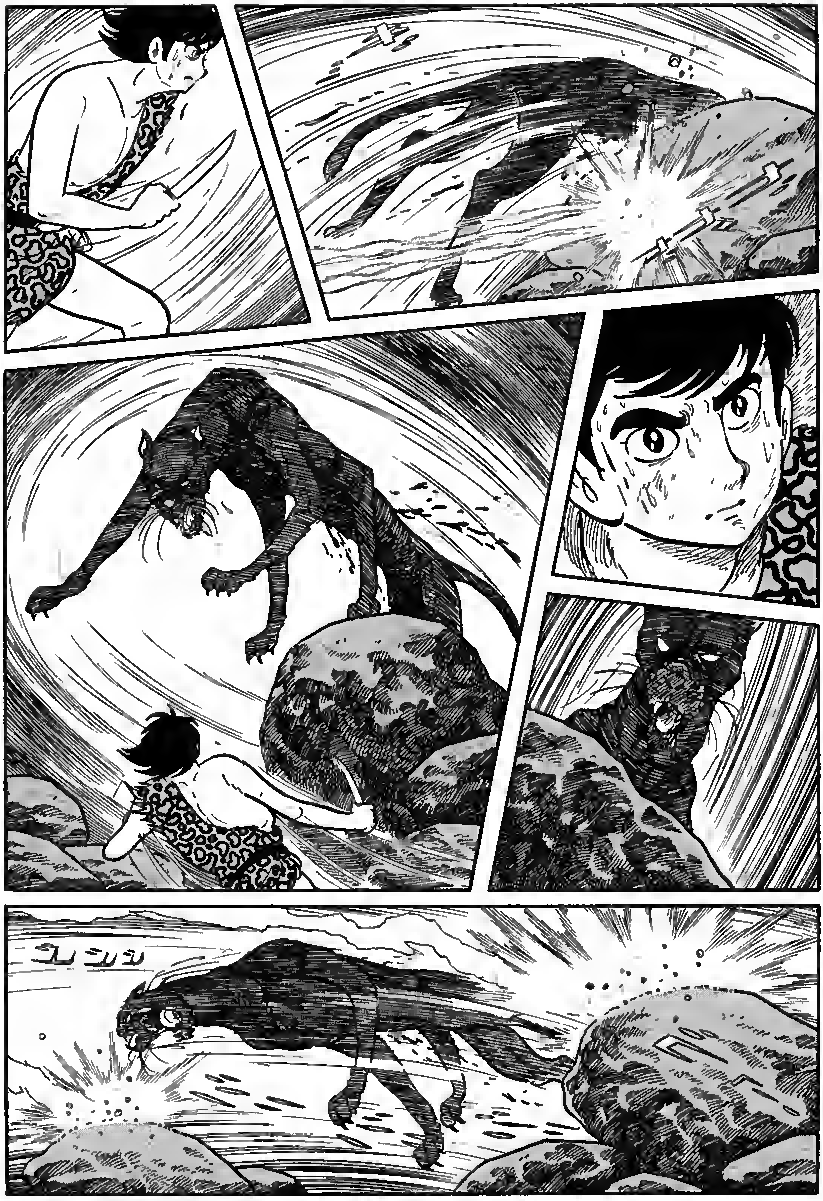
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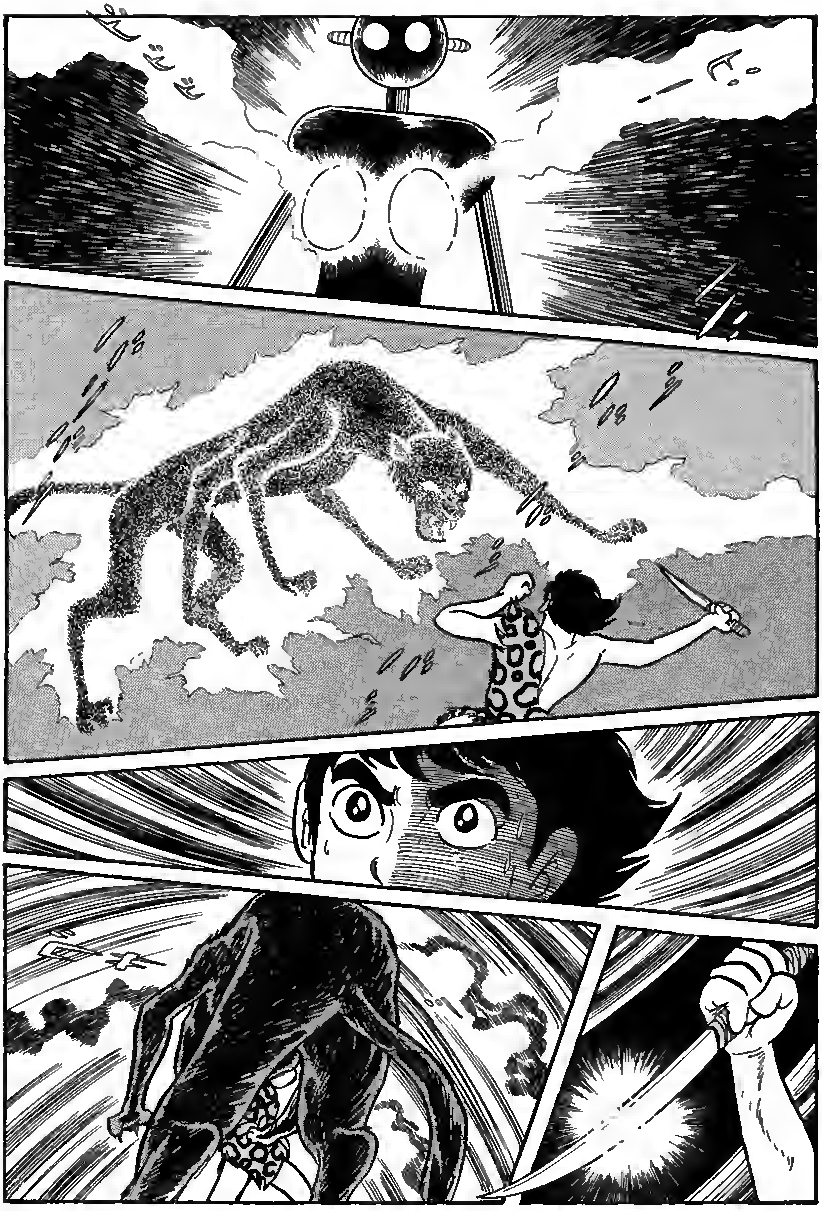
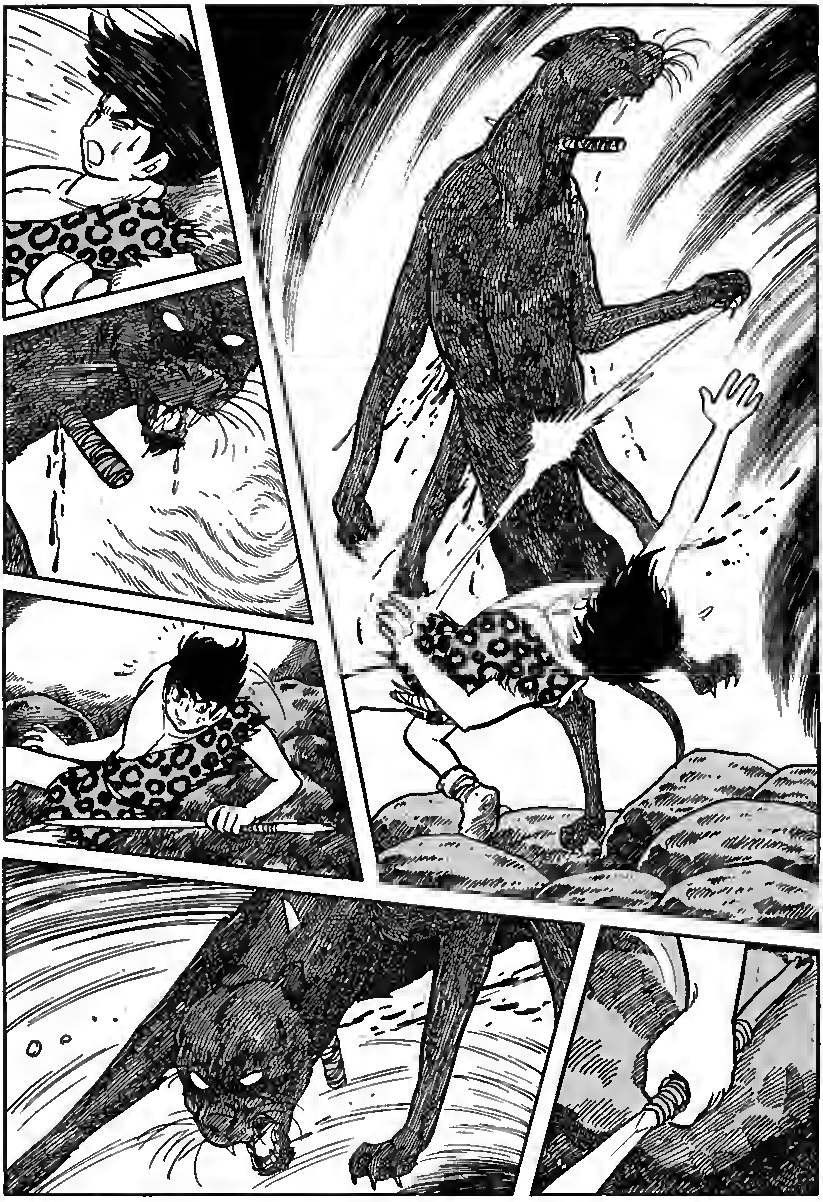
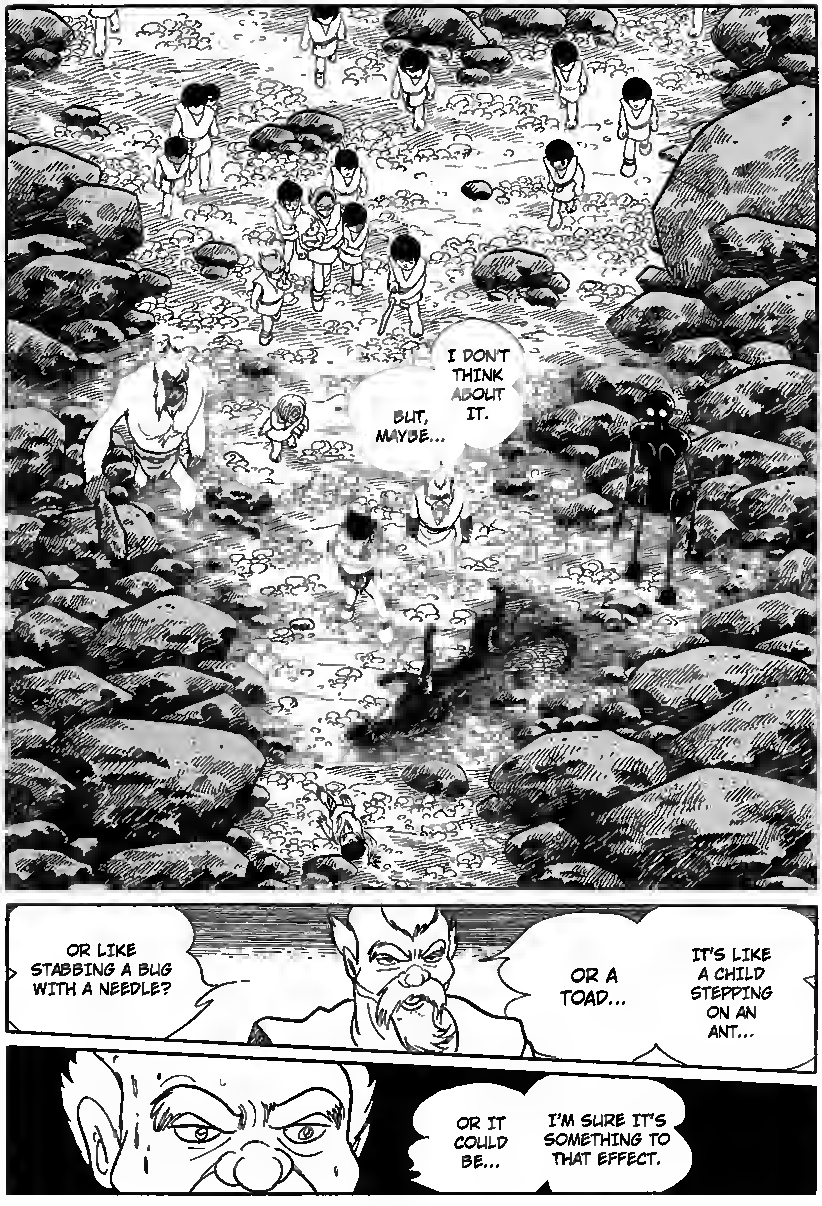




RYU!
HAH
HAH
HAH
RYU! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
STAND UP!

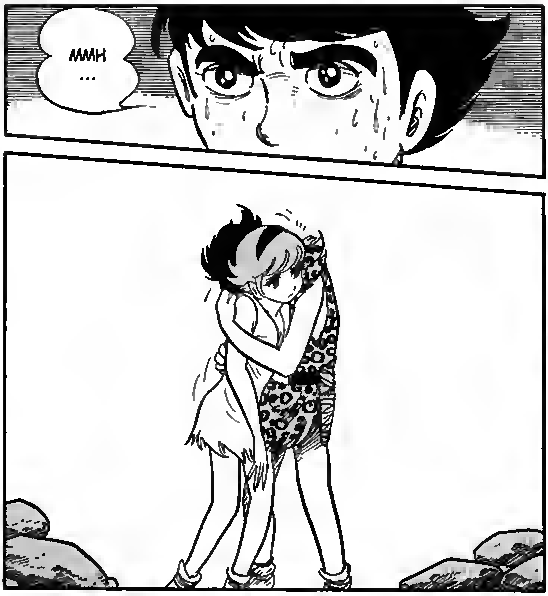
...
RYU! YOU KILLED IT!
CONGRATU-LATIONS!
HAH HAH HAH
HOLD ME TIGHT ...
GOD...
RYU?
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING ...
IT WAS TERRI-FYING
WHY DID HE WANT TO KILL US..
FOR NO REASON?
WHY?
HE CONTINUED TO FIGHT EVEN AFTER BEING RIDDLED WITH BULLETS!
YES, TERRI-FYING!

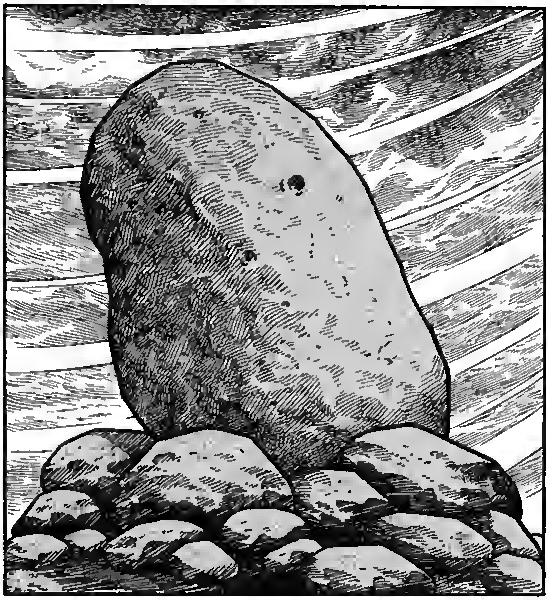

I DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
BUT, MAYBE...
OR LIKE STABBING A BUG WITH A NEEDLE?
OR A TOAD...
IT'S LIKE A CHILD STEPPING ON AN ANT...
OR IT COULD BE...
I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT.

IT RECEIVED THE SAME PLEASURE A HUNTER GETS WHEN TRACKING AND HUNTING GAME?
AN ANIMAL WHO KILLS HUMANS...
LIKE THAT?
AH?
IS THAT HE OBEYED WHEN YOU TOLD HIM TO STOP.
THE PROOF...
IN THIS WORLD, MAN IS A FRAGILE SPECIES, WEAK AND IN THE MINORITY.
WILL YOU EVER UNDER-STAND?

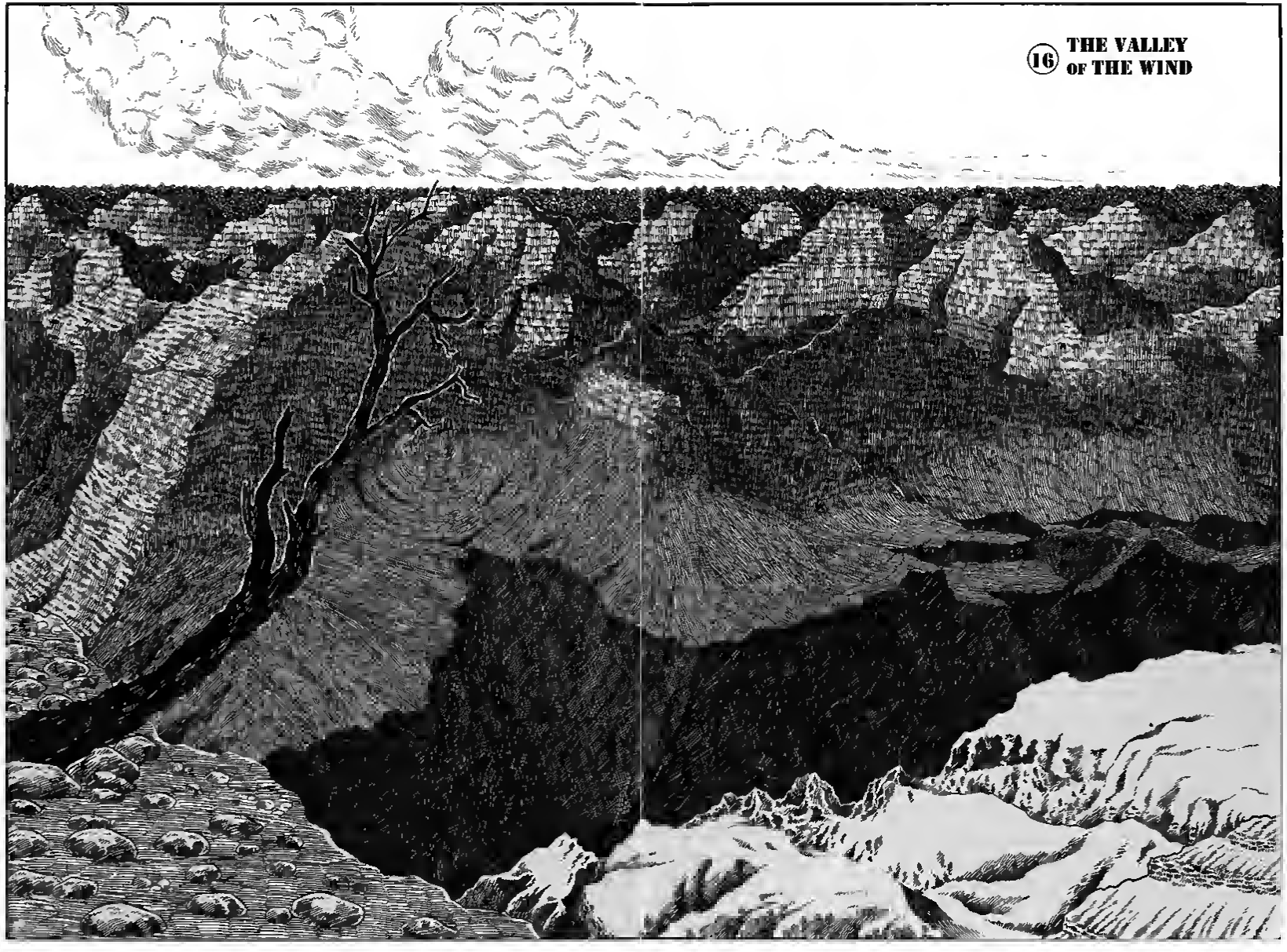
THAT YOU WERE STRONGER, BUT HE THOUGHT THE OPPOSITE.
TO MAKE YOU THINK HE WAS OBEYING YOU, HE WANTED YOU TO BELIEVE...
IT MEANT HE WAS MOCKING YOU.
ビリッ
WHO ARE... THE VICTIMS?
THANKS, MARIA.
OOOHHH
BUT THE LAST ONE... IS STILL ALIVE.
EIGHT CHILDREN

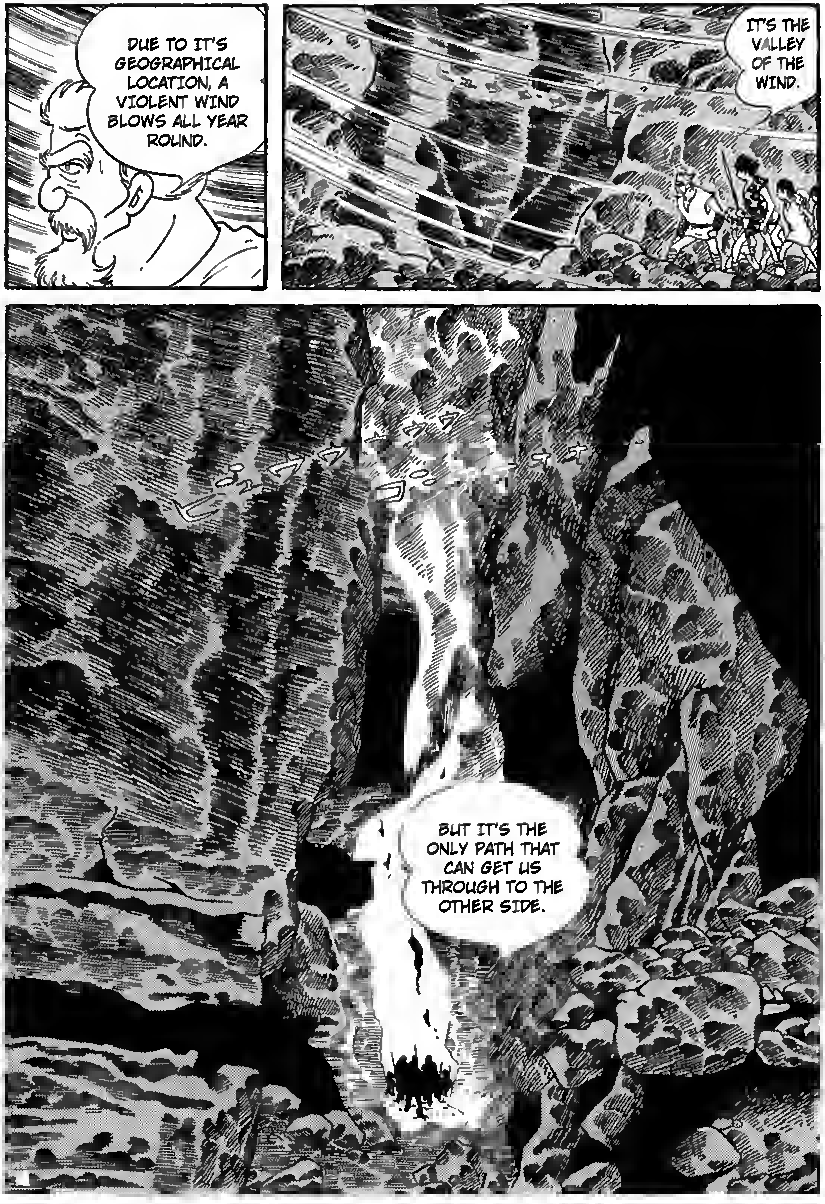
WAIT, GOD!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HIM?
OH NO...
HE'S GOING TO DIE.
HUH?
NO, NOT THAT!
WHY!?
RYU...
IN HIS CASE, IT'S MORE HUMAN TO PUT AN END TO HIS SUFFERING...
THAN TO LEAVE HIM IN AGONY TILL HE DIES.


MMH ...



WE'LL BURY HIM.
DIG A HOLE.
PEKI ..




DUE TO IT'S GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, A VIOLENT WIND BLOWS ALL YEAR ROUND.
IT'S THE VALLEY OF THE WIND.
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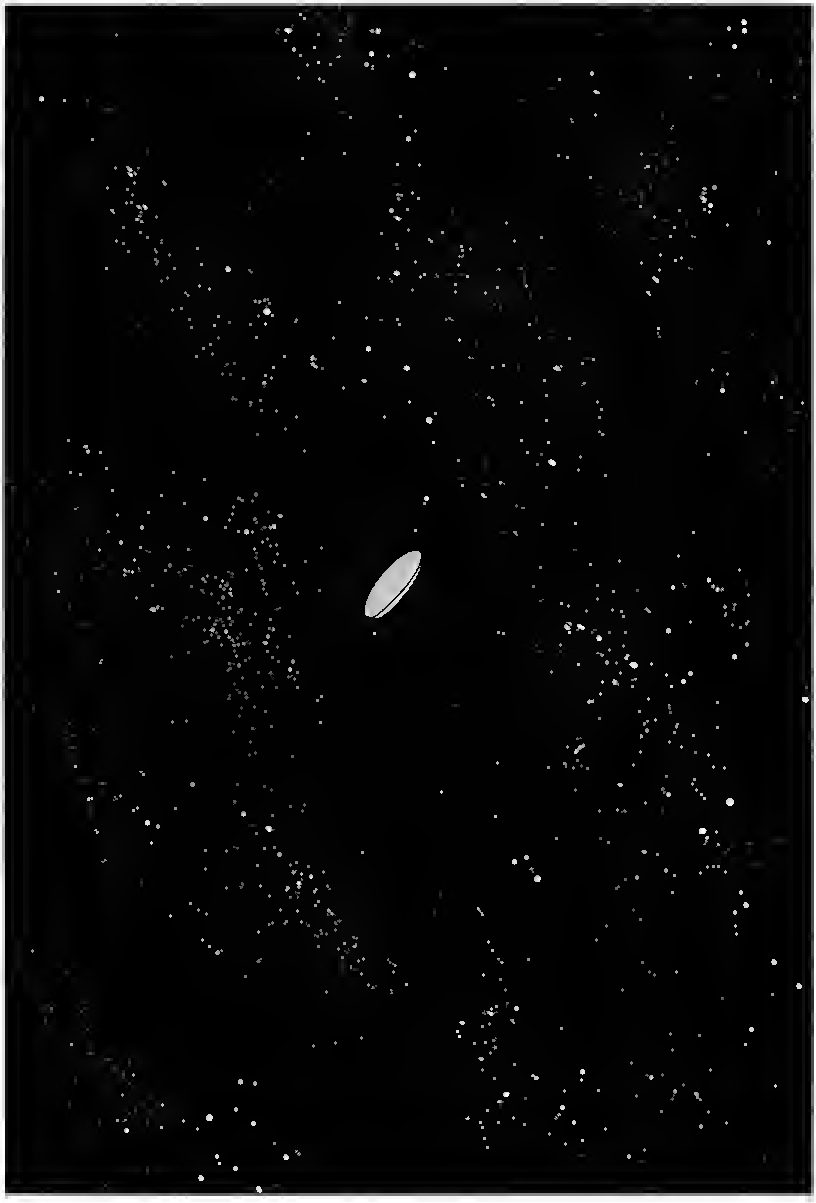
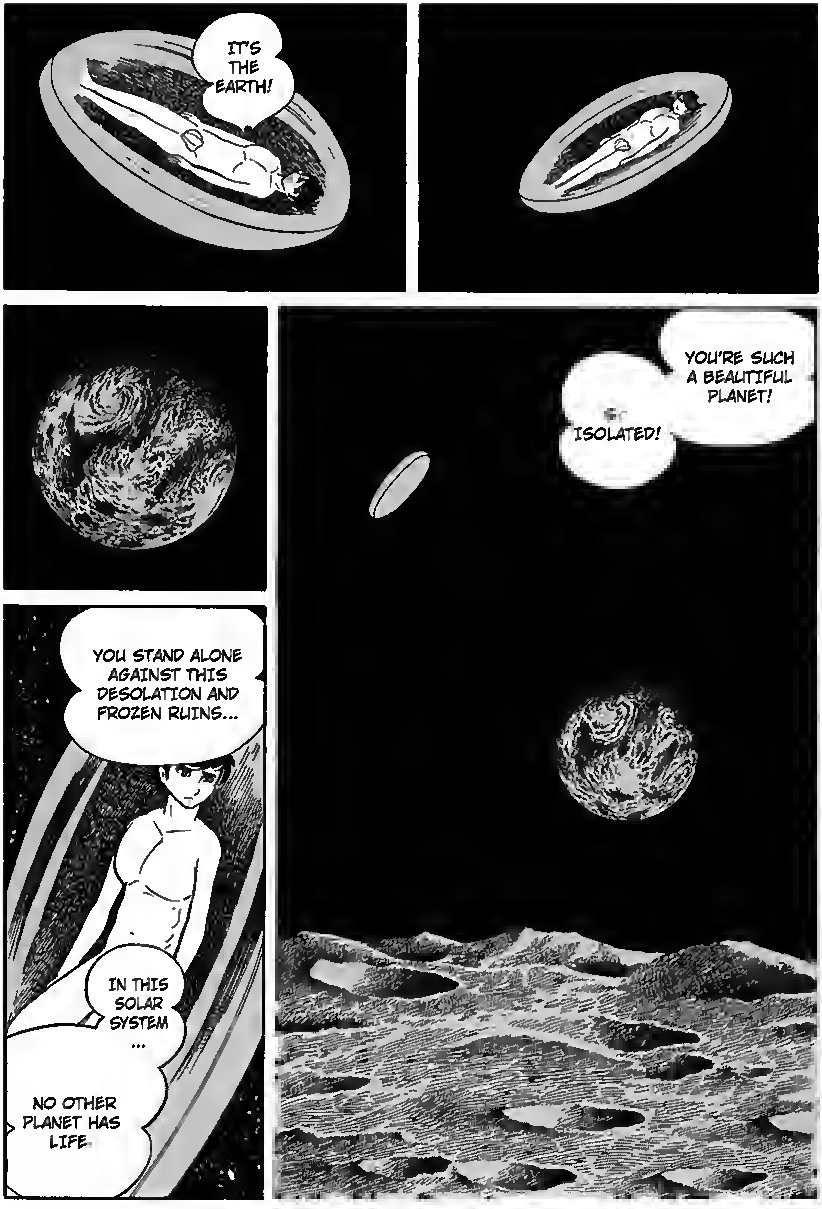
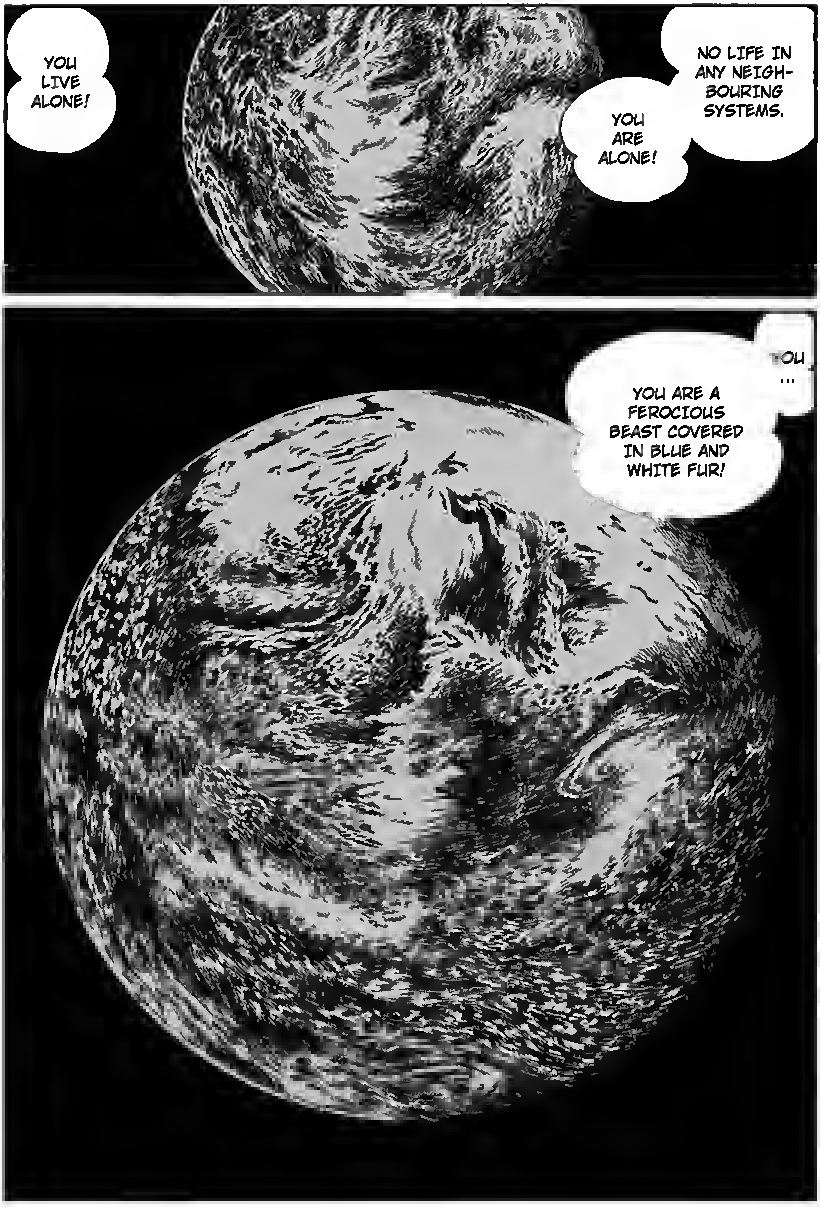
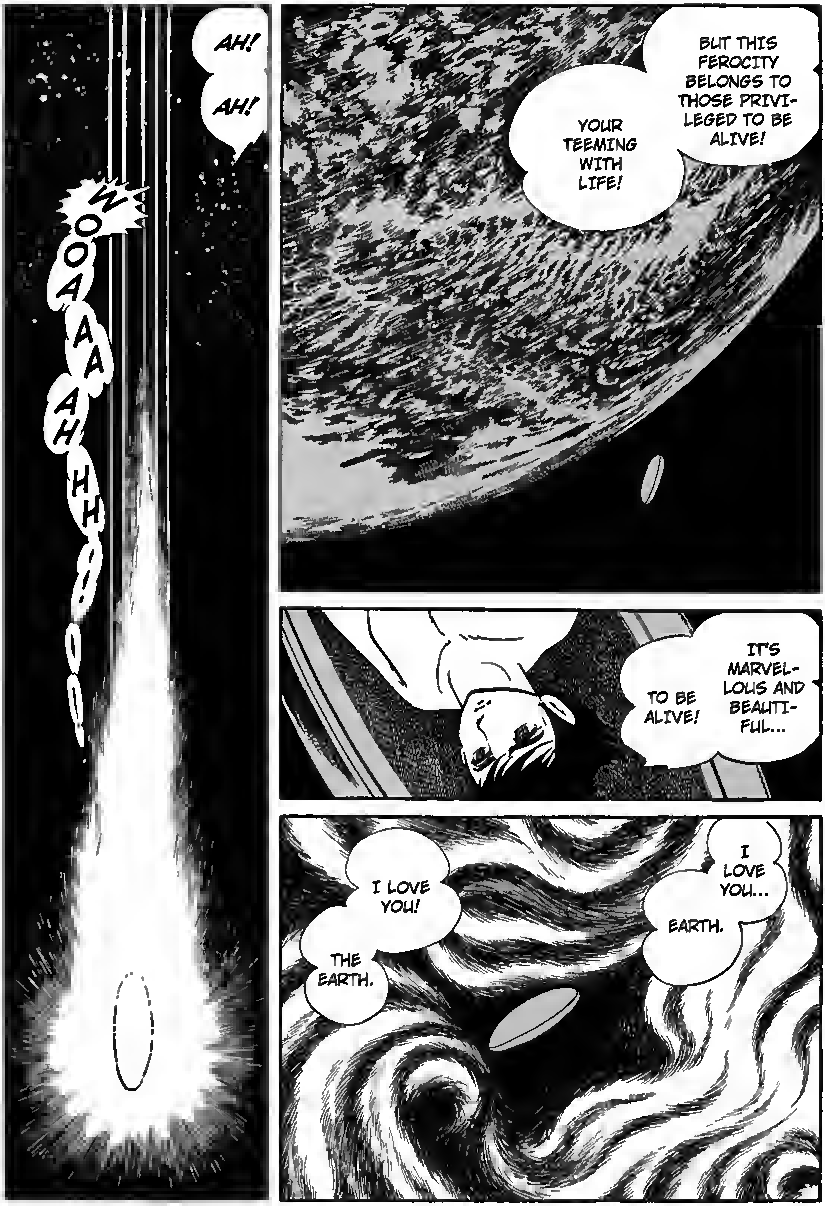



IT'S THE EARTH!
YOU'RE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLANET!
ISOLATED!
YOU STAND ALONE AGAINST THIS DESOLATION AND FROZEN RUINS...
IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM ...
NO OTHER PLANET HAS LIFE.


YOU LIVE ALONE!
NO LIFE IN ANY NEIGH-BOURING SYSTEMS.
YOU ARE ALONE!
YOU ARE A FEROCIOUS BEAST COVERED IN BLUE AND WHITE FUR!


AH!
AH!
WOOAAAAHHHH!
BUT THIS FEROCITY BELONGS TO THOSE PRIVILEGED TO BE ALIVE!
YOUR TEEMING WITH LIFE!
IT'S MARVELLOUS AND BEAUTIFUL...
TO BE ALIVE!
I LOVE YOU...
EARTH.
I LOVE YOU!
THE EARTH.

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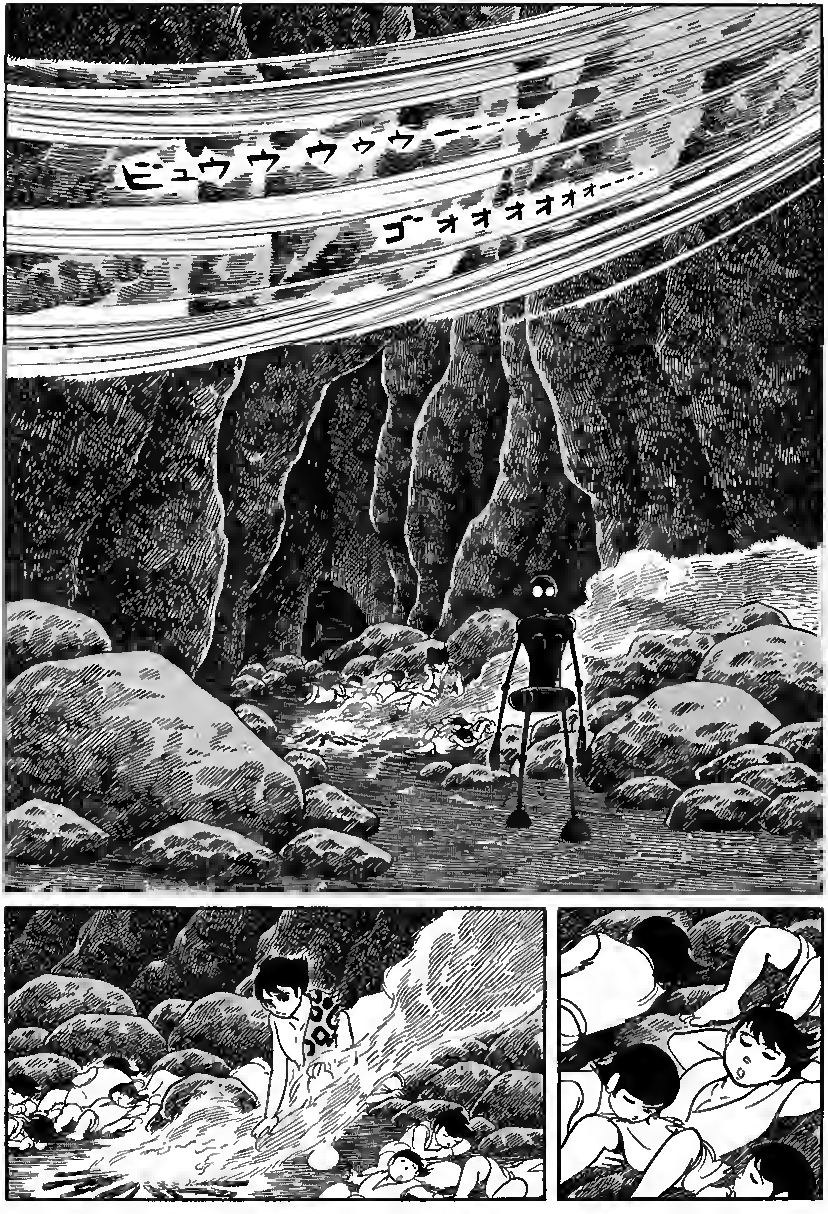
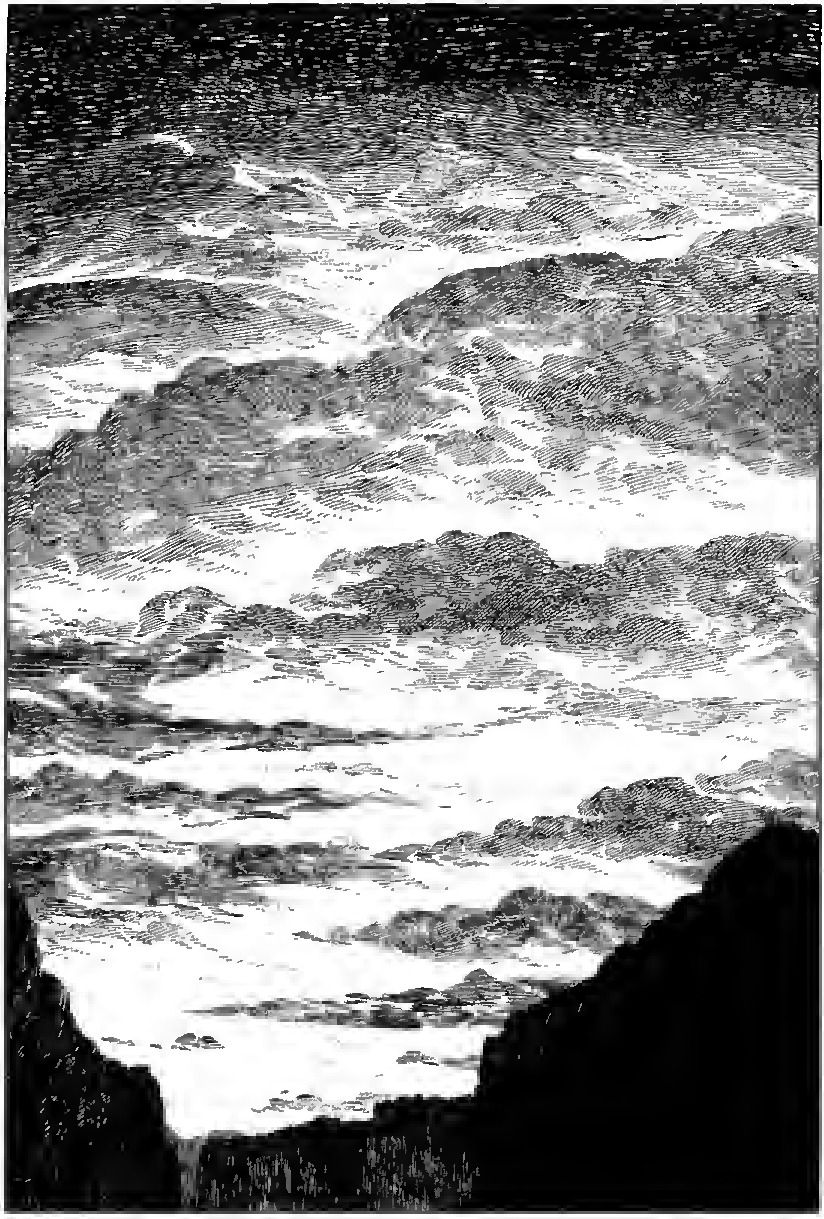
ビュウウウ…
ヒュッ
…
ガチャリ
ガチャリ
ビュウウ…
AH!

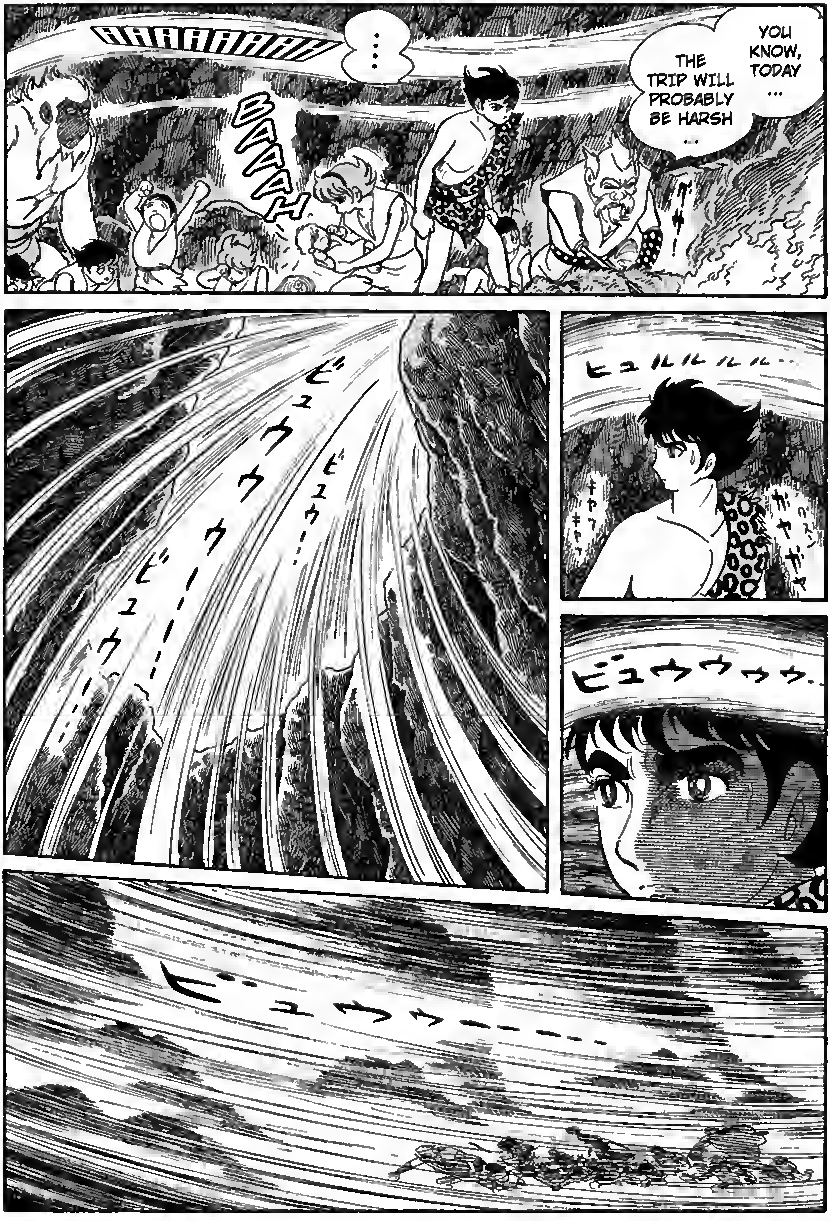

ビュウウウウー……
ゴオオオオオー……

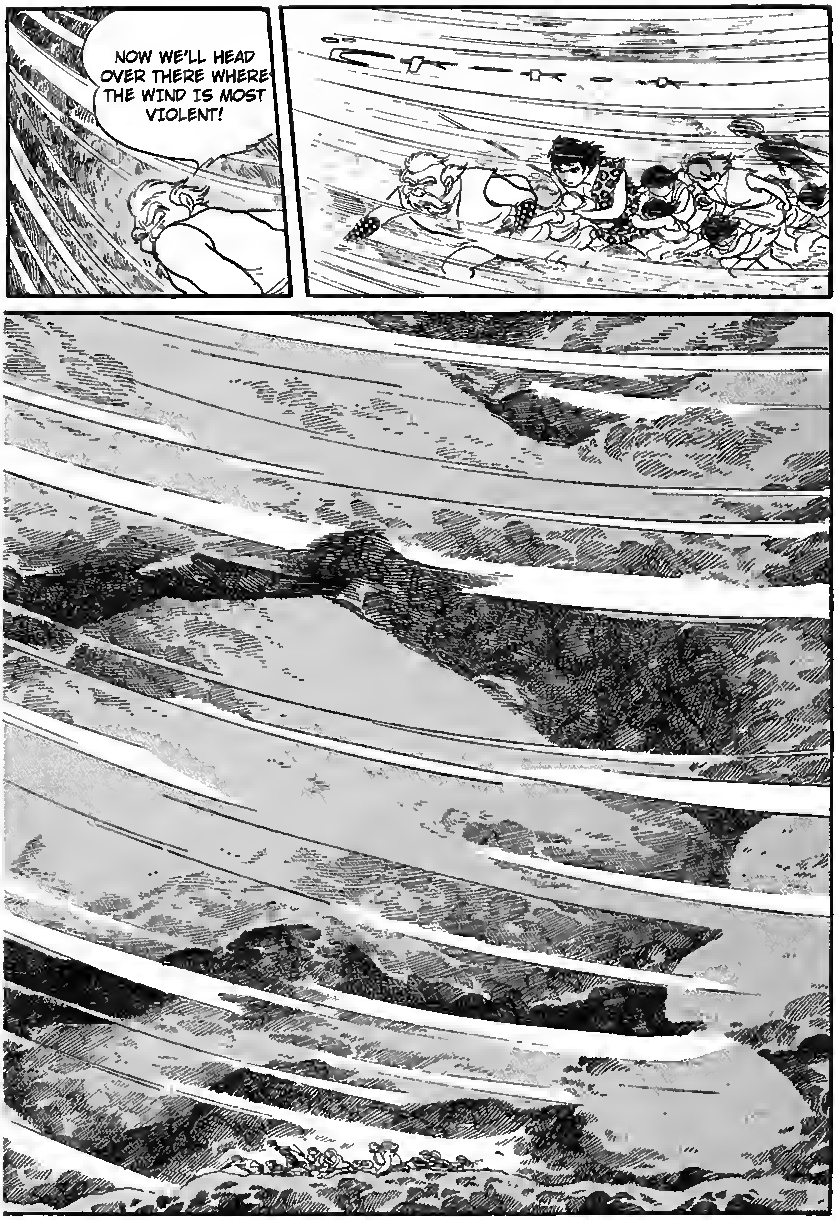
HUMAN LIFE MUST REGAIN IT'S PLACE!
WE MUST REPOPULATE AND EXPAND ALL OVER THIS BEAUTIFUL PLANET WE CALL EARTH...
THE HUMAN RACE MUST NOT GO EXTINCT.
I MUST PROTECT ...
THESE CHILDREN'S PRECIOUS LIVES...
I WILL CREATE A NEW WARM AND CARING LIFE FOR HUMANS ON EARTH!
YES!
EVERY MOMENT I LIVE.
I MUST SAVOUR ..
AND ME...
SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
MARIA ?
. . .

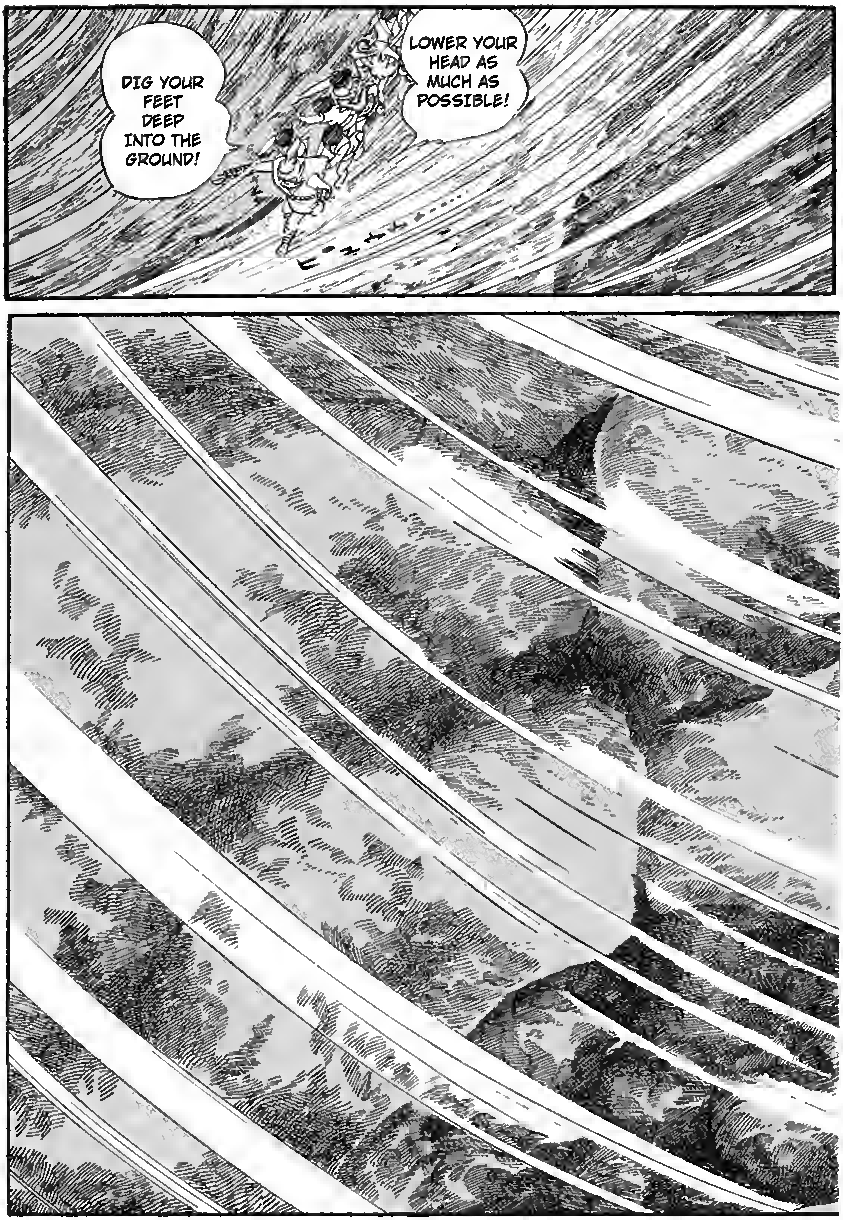
ヒュー……
IT'S TOO EARLY TO BE AWAKE, GO BACK TO SLEEP.
……
THE DAY IS RISING …
IT'S BEAUTI-FUL ISN'T IT?
LOOK, MARIA!
THE SUN IS RISING !

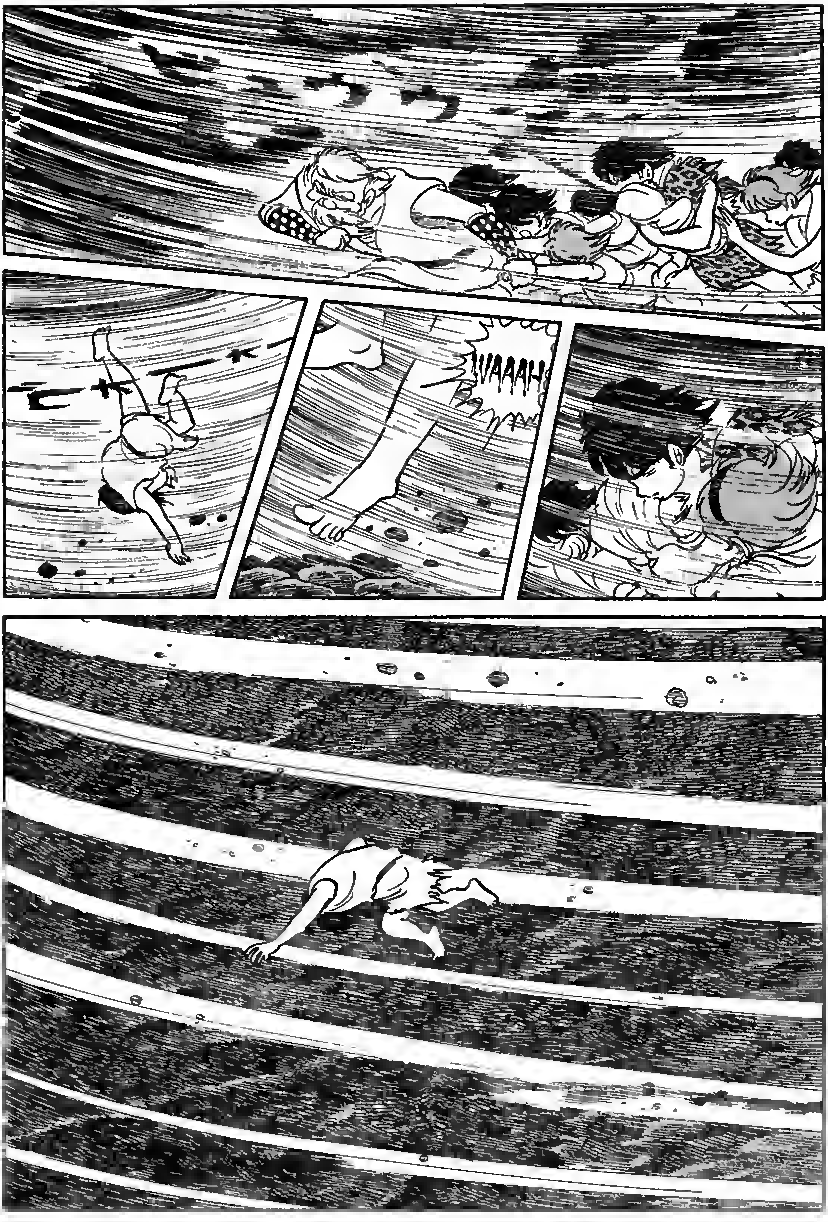


AH !?
OH, RYU.
YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE?
GOOD !
HERE'S OUR MEAL.
WE'LL EAT BEFORE WE LEAVE.
NOW, WAKE UP THE CHILDREN.

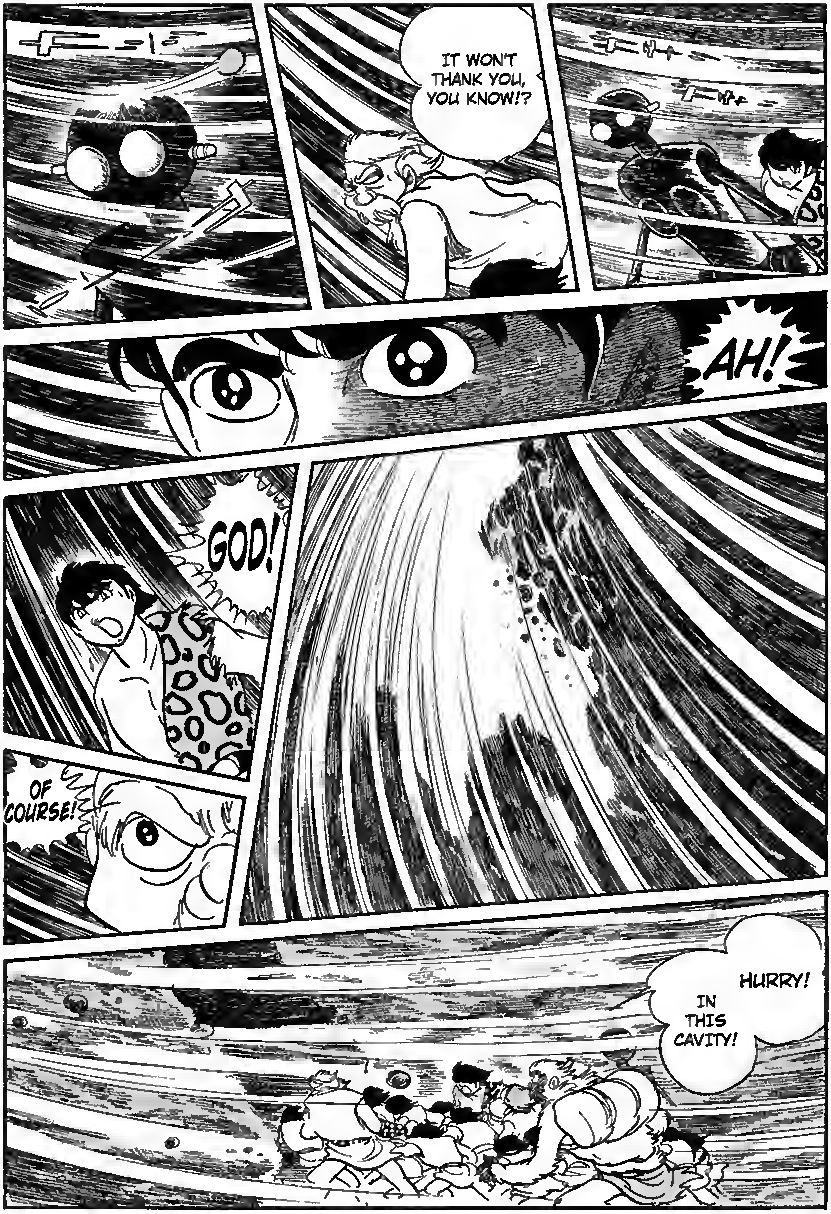

GARARARA!!
...
BIYAA
YOU KNOW, TODAY ...
THE TRIP WILL PROBABLY BE HARSH ...
ヒュルルルル…
ビュウウウ…
ビュウウウ!!
ビューーー!!
ビュウウ…
ビュウウウ…
ビューーーーー

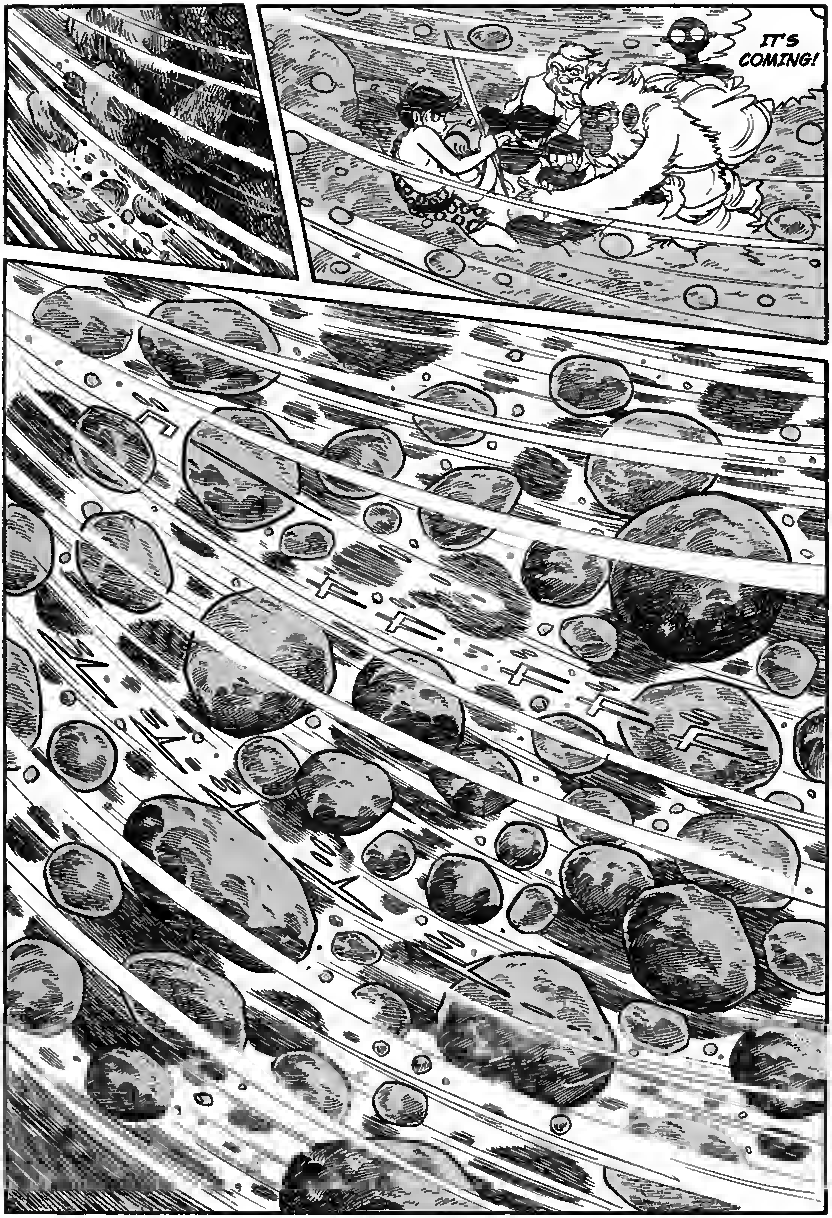

NOW WE'LL HEAD OVER THERE WHERE THE WIND IS MOST VIOLENT!

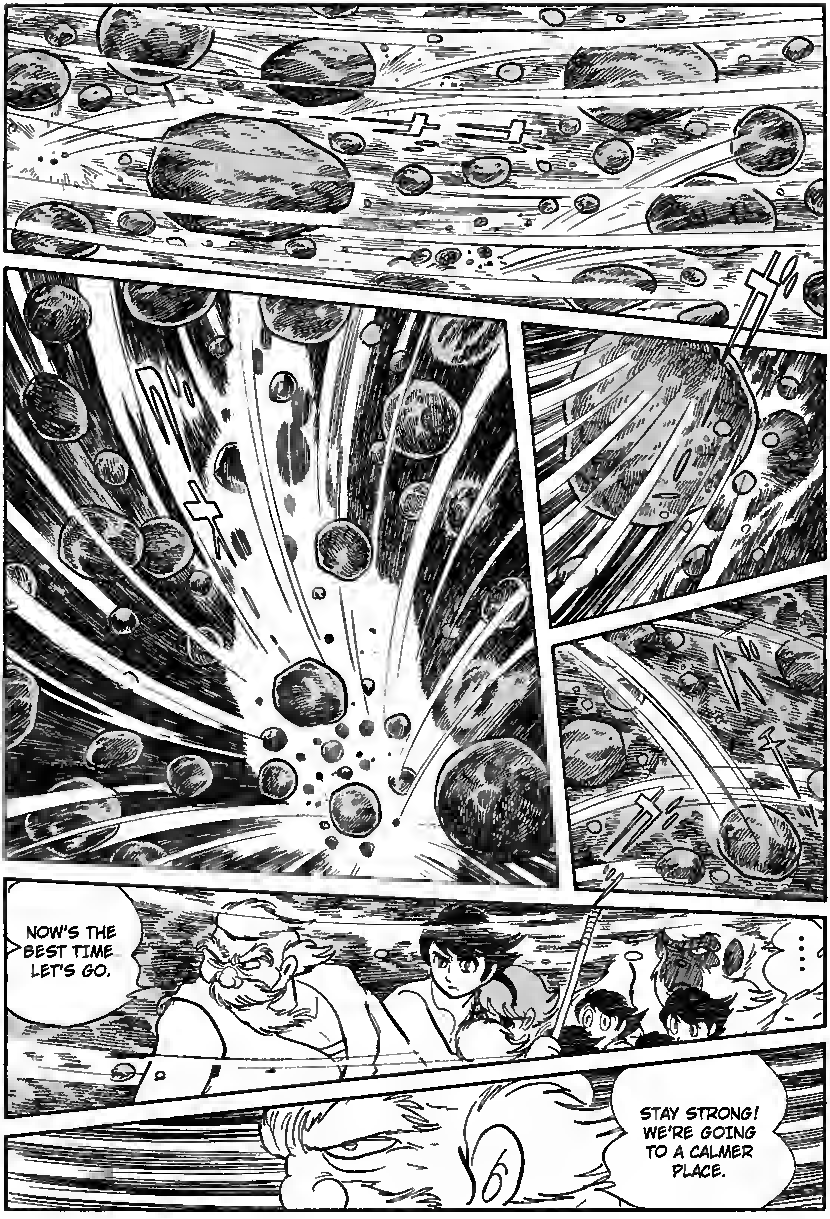

DIG YOUR FEET DEEP INTO THE GROUND!
LOWER YOUR HEAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

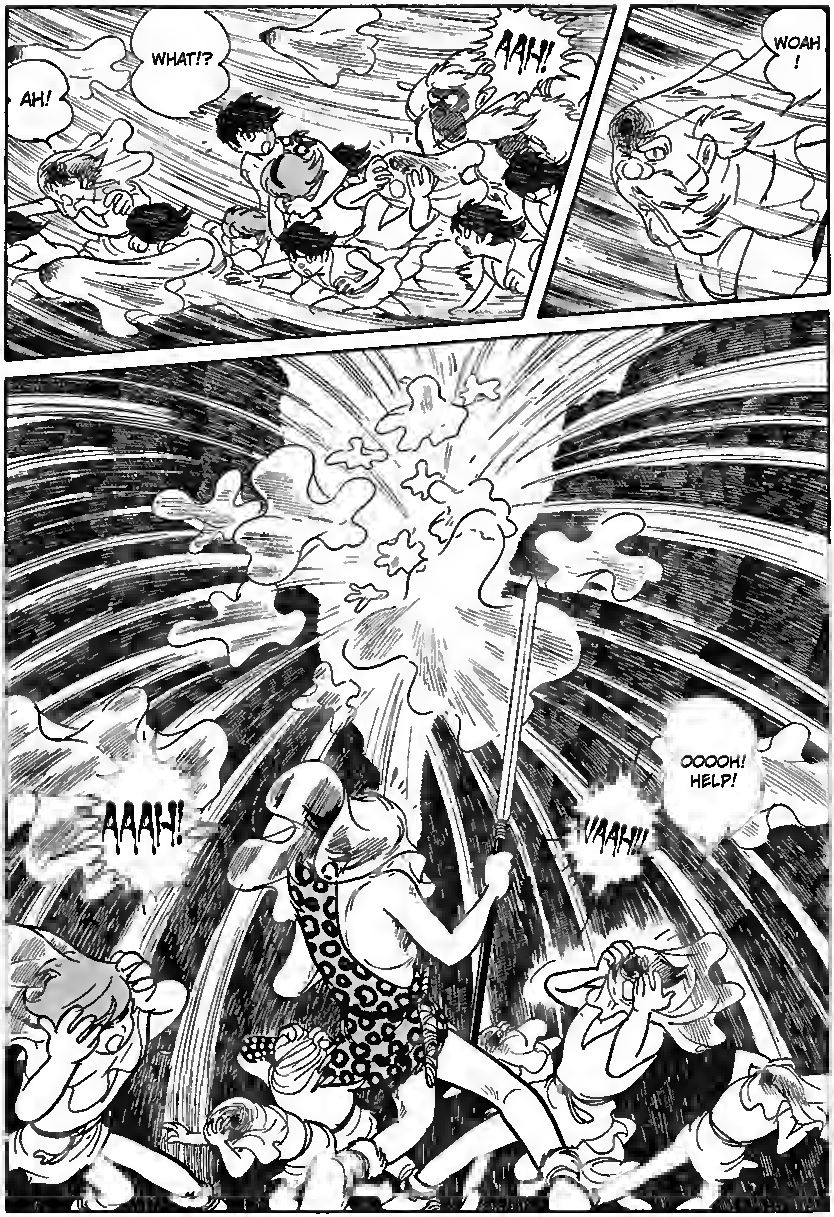

AAAH!

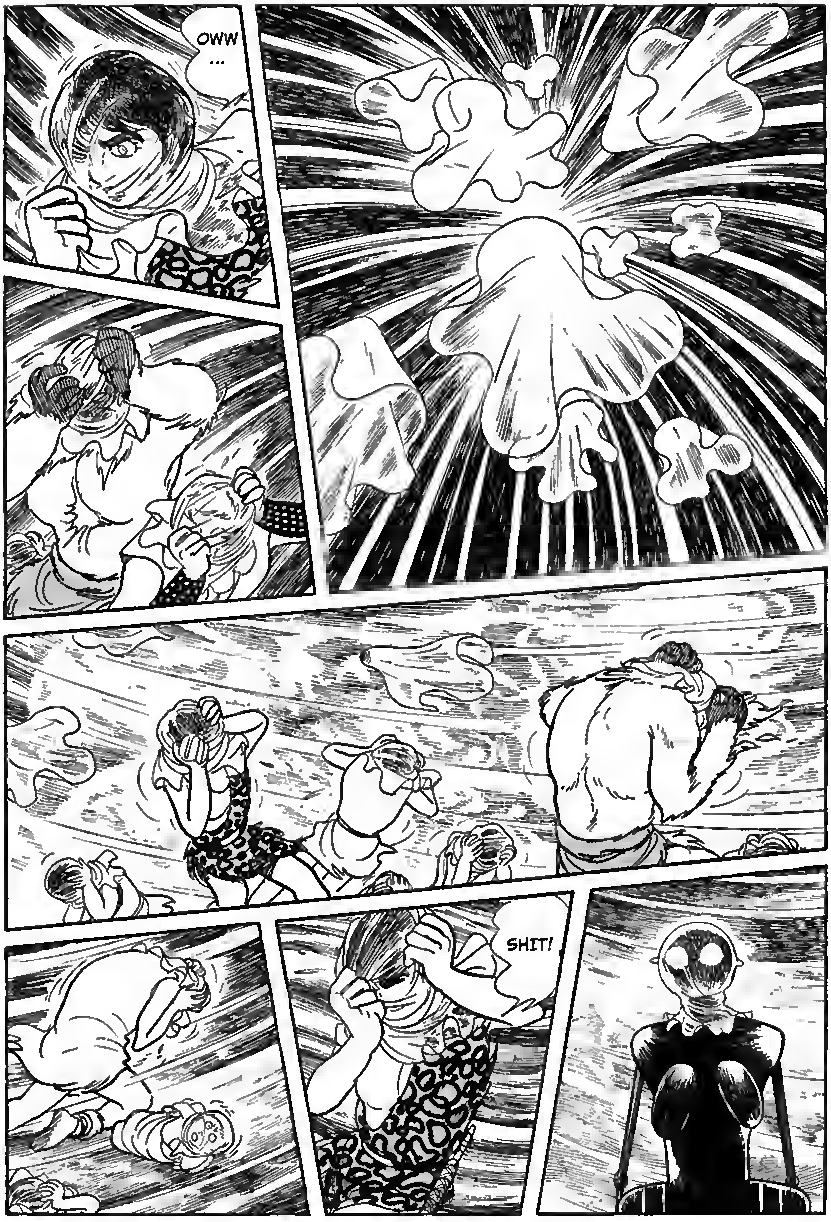
ISAAC!
AH...
DON'T WASTE TIME ON IT!
LEAVE IT, IT'S JUST SCRAP METAL!
...


IT WON'T THANK YOU, YOU KNOW!?
AH!
GOD!
OF COURSE!
HURRY! IN THIS CAVITY!

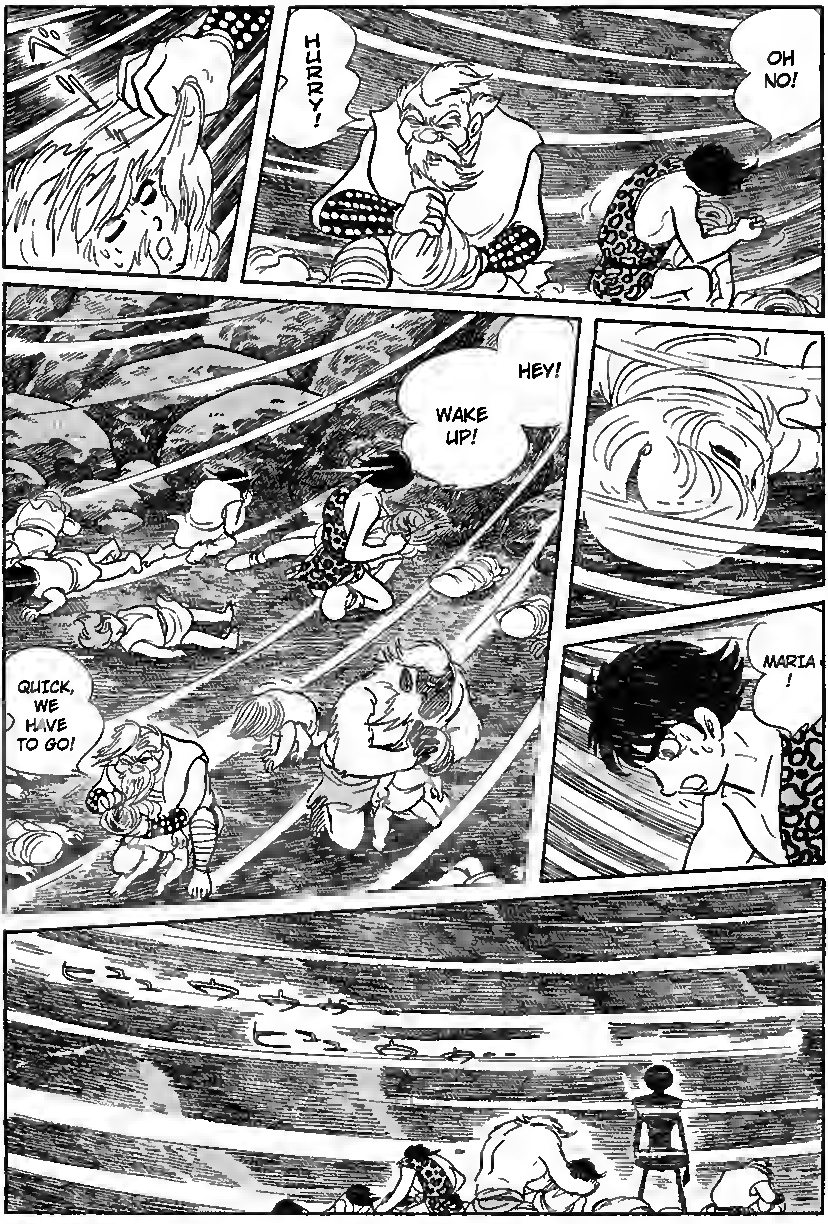

IT'S COMING!

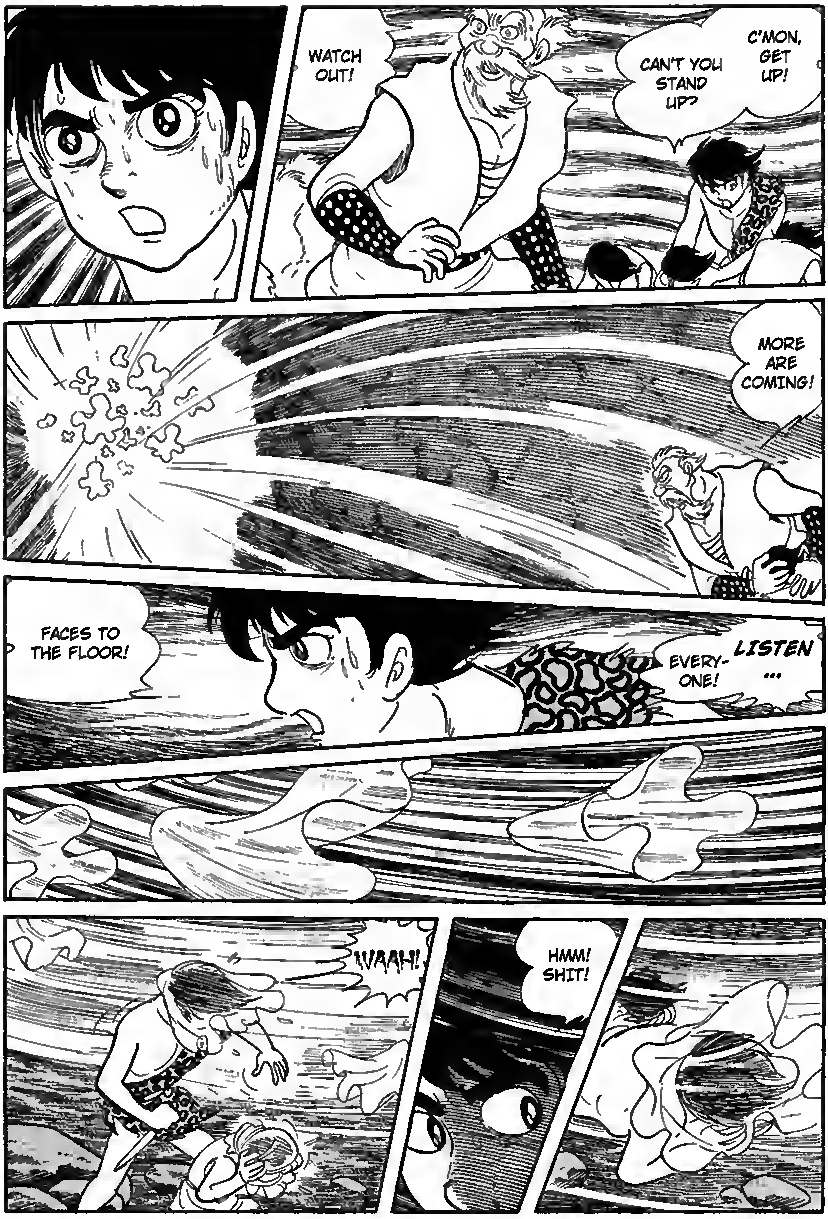

NOW'S THE BEST TIME. LET'S GO.
...
STAY STRONG! WE'RE GOING TO A CALMER PLACE.

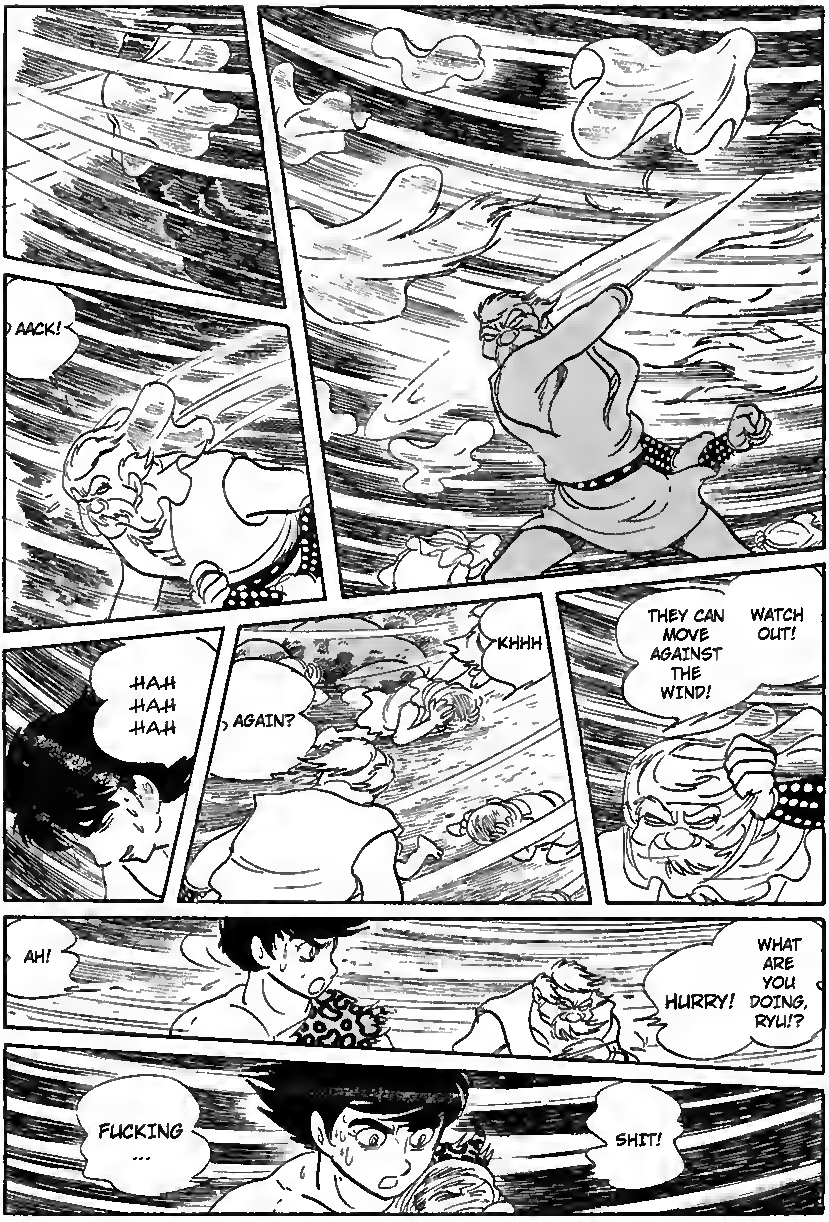

AH!
WHAT!?
AAH!
WOAH!
AAAH!
OOOOH! HELP!
AAH!!

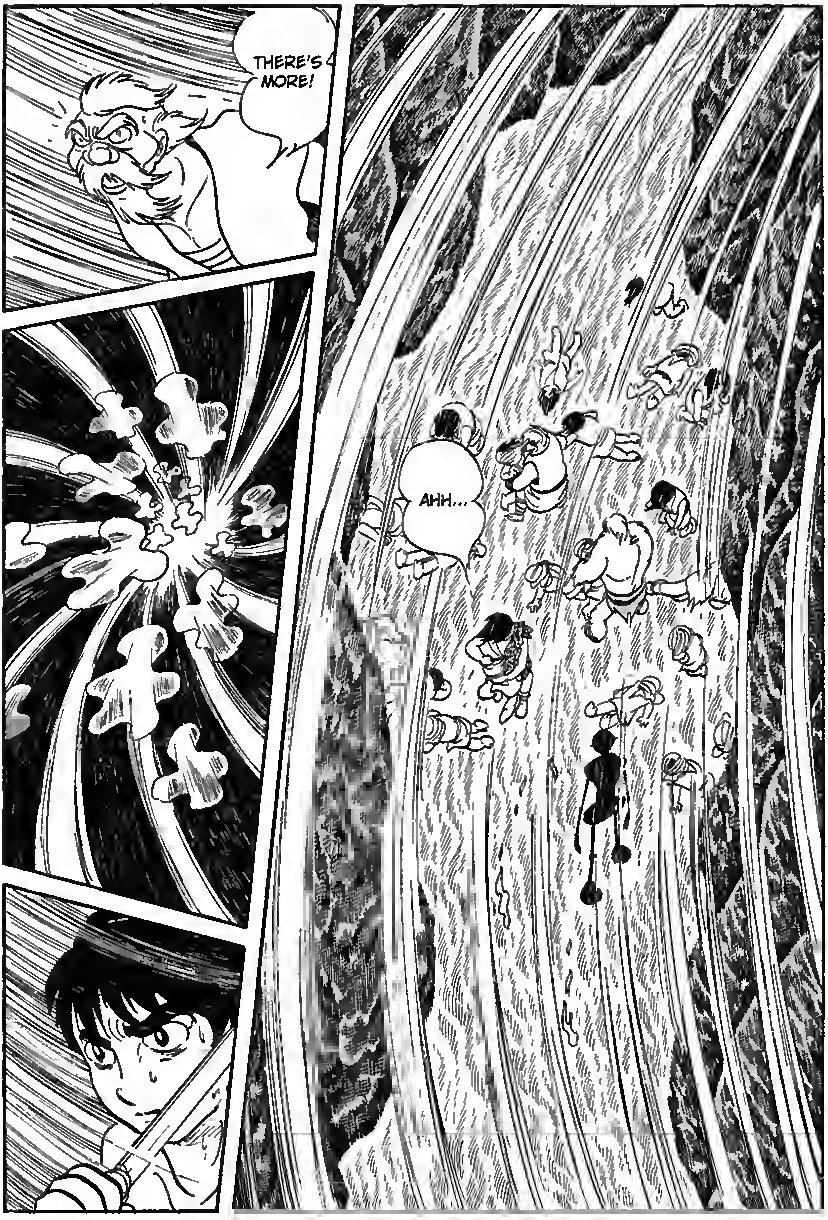

OWW
...
SHIT!

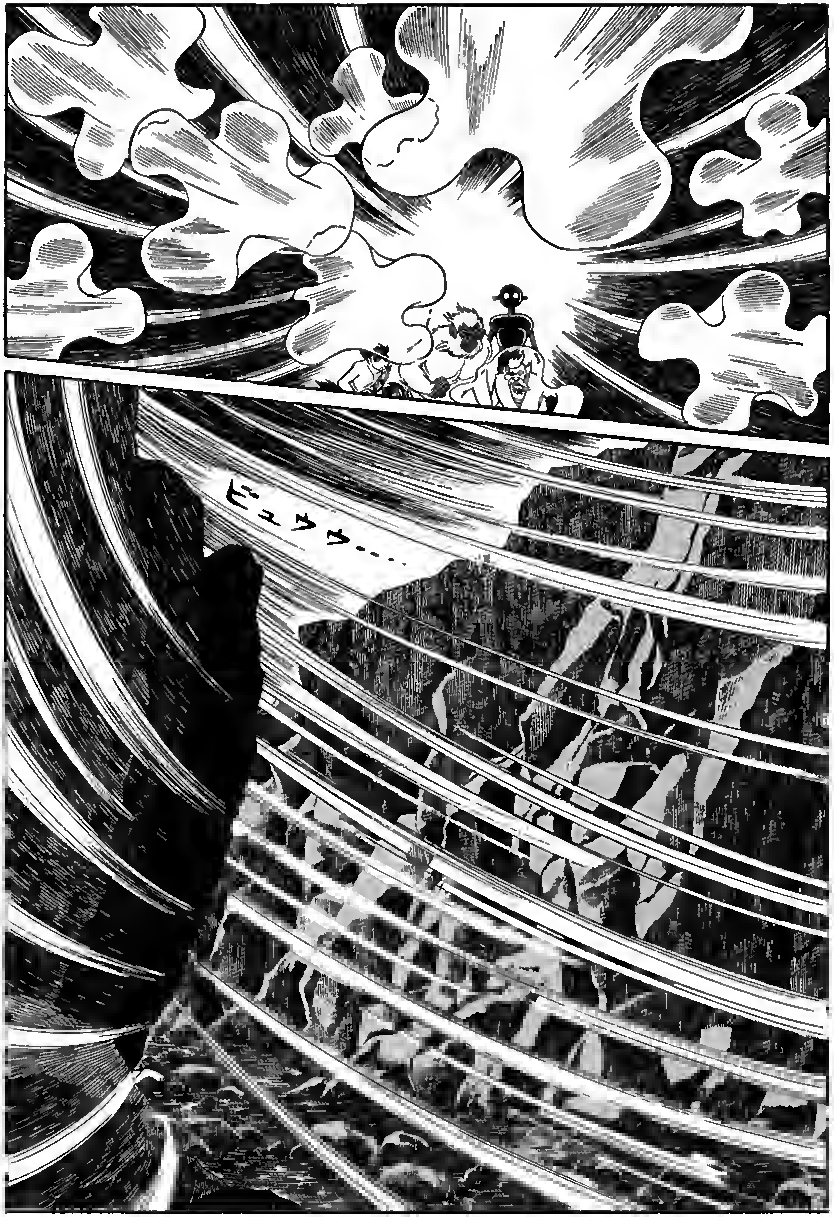
YUUUU
RYU!
AAH!?
ARGH!
GET THEM OFF THE CHILDREN!
DON'T WASTE ANY TIME!


HURRY!
OH NO!
HEY!
WAKE UP!
...
QUICK, WE HAVE TO GO!
MARIA!


WATCH OUT!
CAN'T YOU STAND UP?
C'MON, GET UP!
MORE ARE COMING!
FACES TO THE FLOOR!
EVERY-ONE!
LISTEN ...
WAAH!
HMM! SHIT!


AACK!
THEY CAN MOVE AGAINST THE WIND!
WATCH OUT!
KHHH
AGAIN?
HAH HAH HAH
AH!
HURRY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYU!?
FUCKING ...
SHIT!


THERE'S MORE!
AHH...


ヒュウウ…

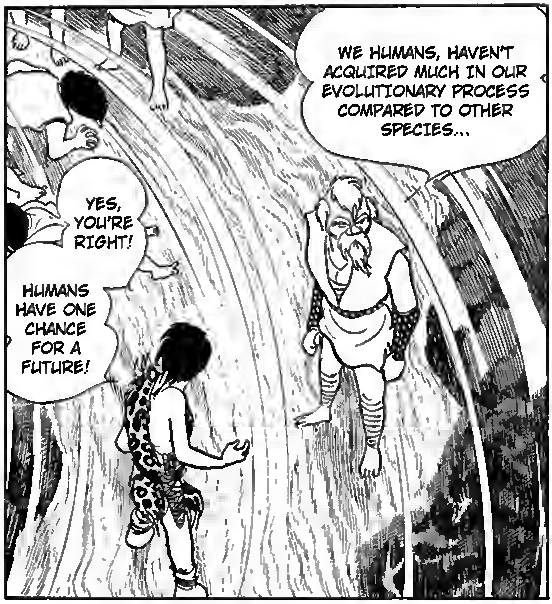
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
I THINK
IT'S OVER ...
...
IS EVERY-ONE...
ALRIGHT?

AH!
SIX CHILDREN ...
DEAD...
I TRIED CPR...
BUT IT WAS NO USE.
AS-PHYXIA-TION.
MY CHILD!
OH NO!
MY LITTLE ...
THAT MAKES SEVEN.

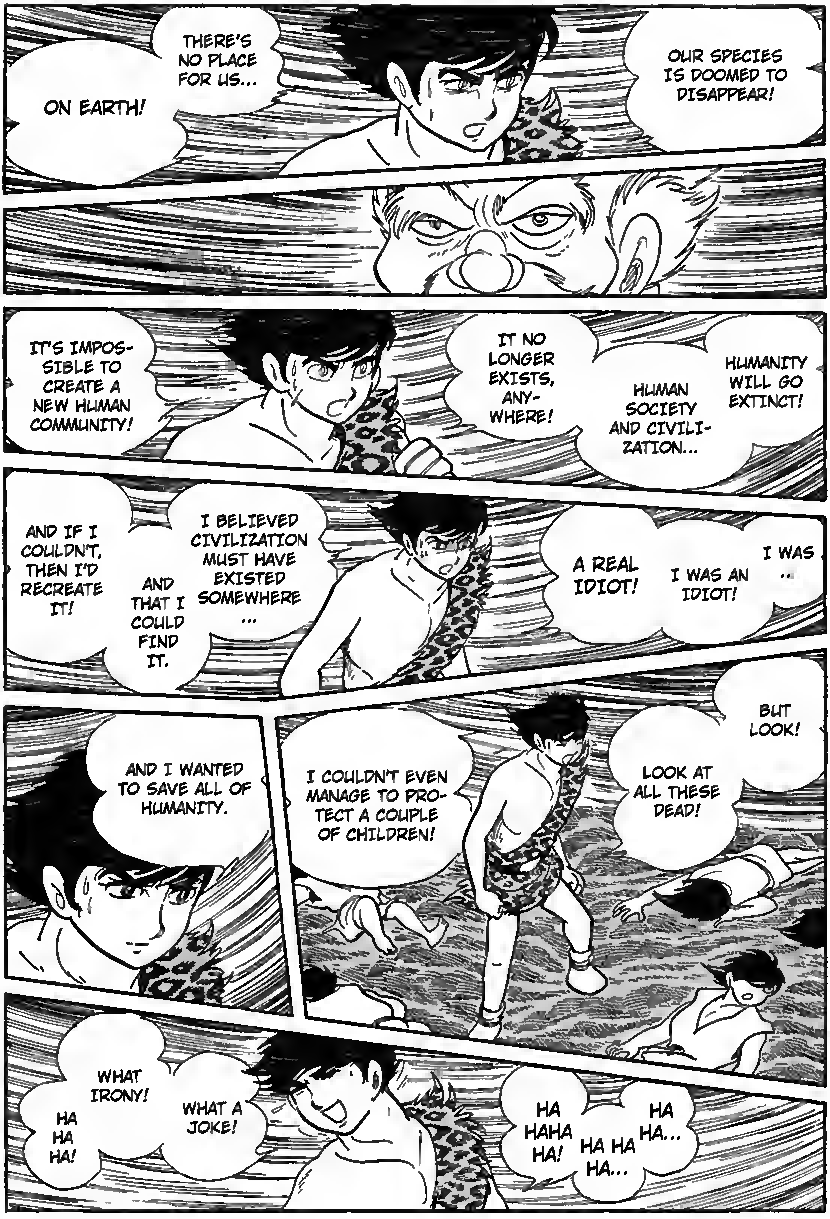
TRALALA WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BLUE SKY, WHAT BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS!
THE SUN SHINES ON THE AZURE SEA!
...
HE'S ALREADY DEAD!
NO! STOP MARIA!
TRALALA ...
RYU, LEAVE HER.
OH EARTH...
OUR LOVELY... PLANET ...

KHHH ...
WHAT COULD IT BE?
BUT... THAT!
ANYWAYS, IT WAS JUST THE WIND HERE.
OR MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T RUN INTO THEM.
LAST TIME I PASSED THROUGH HERE, THEY WEREN'T HERE.
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
AN ANIMAL? OR...
IS IT A VEGETATION?
I DON'T KNOW.
WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN ABOUT INSECTS OR PLANTS WHO MOVE WITH THE WIND, BUT THESE...
HMM ...
THAT IT WAS ALIVE.
ONLY THING FOR SURE IS...

IN FLIGHT, THEY LOOK LIKE A NET, TO HELP DIMINISH WIND RESISTANCE,
AND WHEN IT ATTACHES TO SKIN, IT FILLS OUT IT'S "MESH"...
TO ASPHYXIATE!
....
DIFFERENT CHANGES IN THE PLANET HAS PROVOKED A MODIFICATION IN THE SHAPE AND FUNCTIONS IN LIVING BEINGS...
BUT I'M STILL SURPRISED TO SEE A CREATURE LIKE THIS, IT'S BEYOND UNDERSTANDING!


WE HUMANS, HAVEN'T ACQUIRED MUCH IN OUR EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS COMPARED TO OTHER SPECIES...
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!
HUMANS HAVE ONE CHANCE FOR A FUTURE!

WHAT A WAY TO EVOLVE!
...


OUR SPECIES IS DOOMED TO DISAPPEAR!
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR US...
ON EARTH!
HUMANITY WILL GO EXTINCT!
HUMAN SOCIETY AND CIVILIZATION...
IT NO LONGER EXISTS, ANYWHERE!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE A NEW HUMAN COMMUNITY!
I WAS ...
I WAS AN IDIOT!
A REAL IDIOT!
I BELIEVED CIVILIZATION MUST HAVE EXISTED SOMEWHERE ...
AND THAT I COULD FIND IT.
AND IF I COULDN'T, THEN I'D RECREATE IT!
BUT LOOK!
LOOK AT ALL THESE DEAD!
I COULDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO PROTECT A COUPLE OF CHILDREN!
AND I WANTED TO SAVE ALL OF HUMANITY.
HA HA HA...
HA HAHA HA!
HA HA...
WHAT A JOKE!
WHAT IRONY!
HA HA HA!

WHY'D YOU DO THAT!?
WAIT, GOD
I CAN'T.
READY TO GO?
ALRIGHT, YOU'RE FINE!
HUH? STILL GOT SOME FIGHT IN YAH?
YOU FUCKING IDIOT!

OUR JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN
BEFORE WE LEFT, YOU KNEW THINGS LIKE THIS WERE GOING TO HAPPEN, RIGHT?
BUT...
OF COURSE, RYU...
NO MATTER THE ERA...
THERE ARE ALWAYS
MADMEN WHO WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD!
TIME AND TIME AGAIN...
WE NEED MADMEN LIKE YOU TO CHANGE IT!
HUMANS
NO LONGER
DOMINATE THE OTHER SPECIES ..
OR THIS PLANET!
THEY NO LONGER RULE
THE OTHER RACES UPON THIS WORLD.
AND THAT IS WHY...
IN AN ERA OF MADNESS
ONLY A MADMAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I DON'T BELIEVE THEY ARE AN INFERIOR SPECIES.
IT'S THAT I BELIEVE ...
THEY ARE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS THE OTHER SPECIES...
COMPETING IN A TOUGH RACE FOR A FUTURE.
IT BEGINS NOW.
ALL AROUND US, NATURE WILL BE MUCH MORE HOSTILE THAN BEFORE..
AND THE OTHER SPECIES WILL COME IN GREATER NUMBERS ..
WE MUST MAKE A NEW DEPARTURE, ON THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THE OTHERS.
YES, WE MUST LEAVE.
AND FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, SOMEONE MUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP.
AND...
HE MUST BE THE FIRST TO GIVE IT EVERYTHING HE'S GOT!
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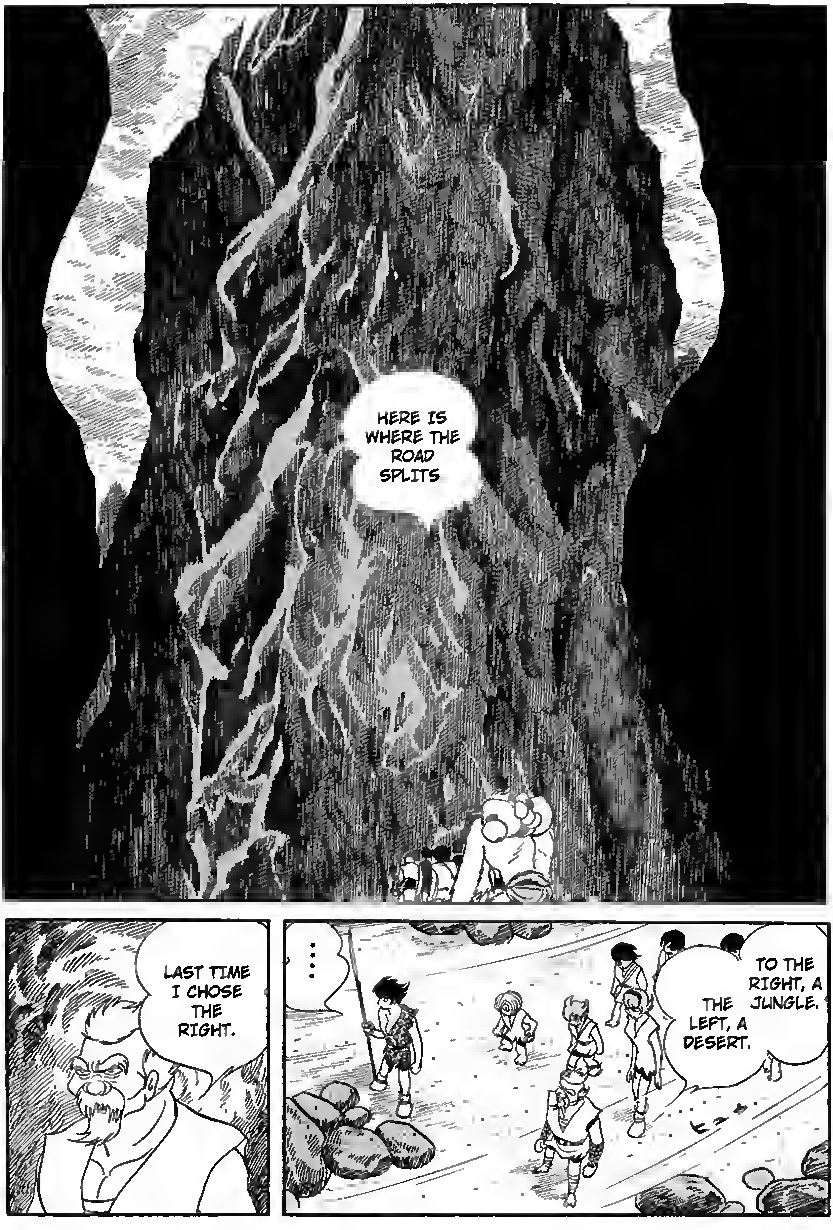
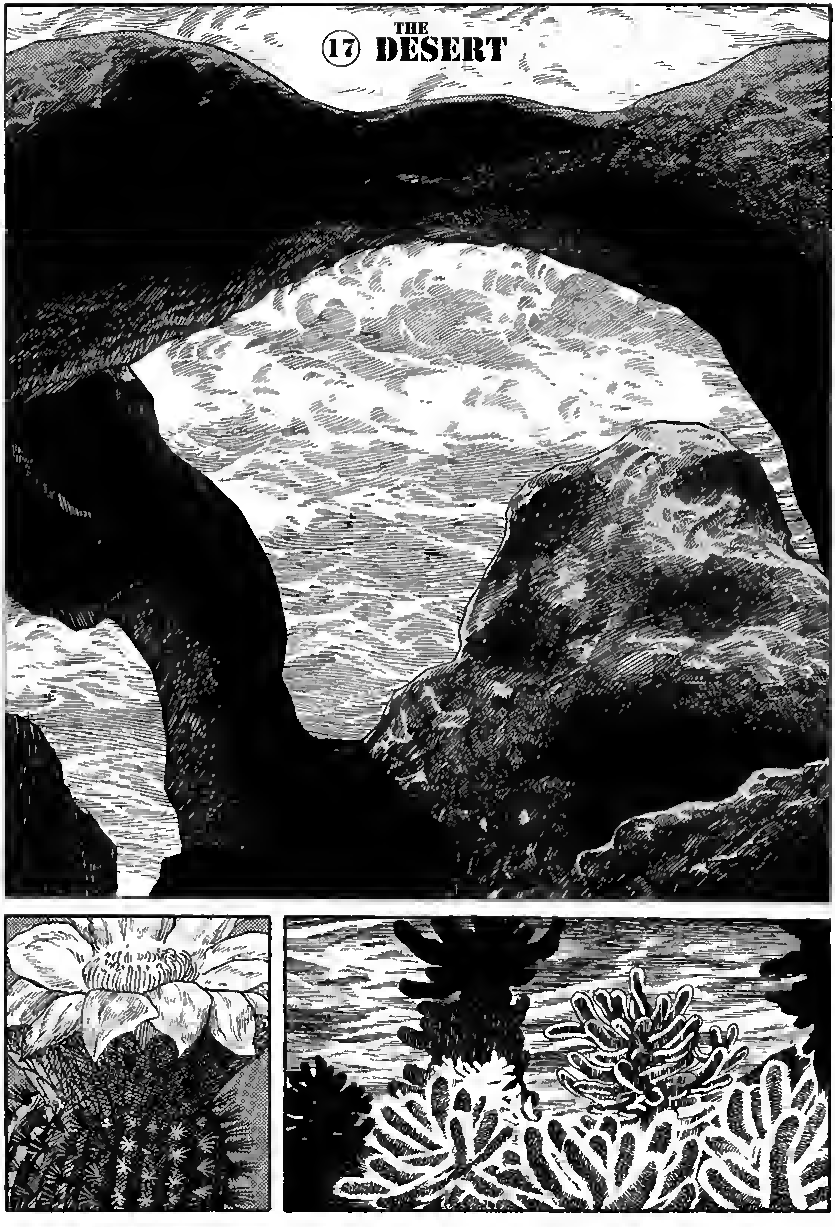

HERE IS WHERE THE ROAD SPLITS
LAST TIME I CHOSE THE RIGHT.
.....
TO THE RIGHT, A JUNGLE.
THE LEFT, A DESERT.

AND WORSE, EXTREMELY DENSE VEGETATION IN A EXTREMELY DENSE SWAMP WHICH CUT OFF THE TRAIL.
I SAW ALL SORTS OF SNAKES, FLIES... ALL VENOMOUS, AND FEROCIOUS BEASTS!
AND IT WAS HORRIBLE!
AND THE LEFT?
I DON'T KNOW IT.
WELL IT'S DECIDED
WE'LL TAKE THE LEFT PATH!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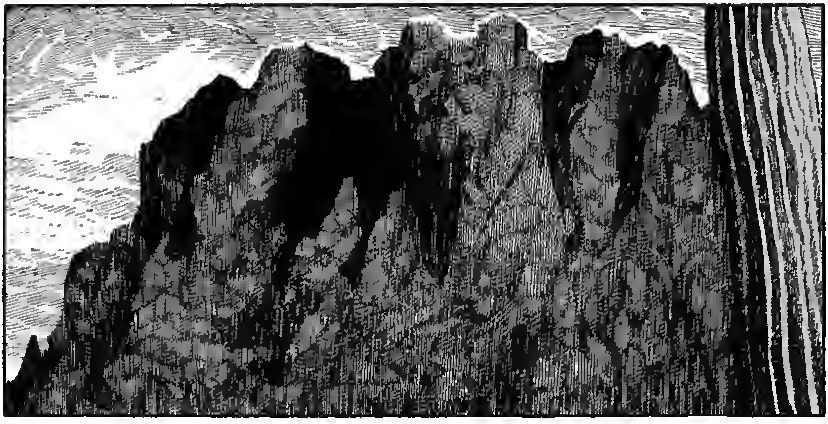
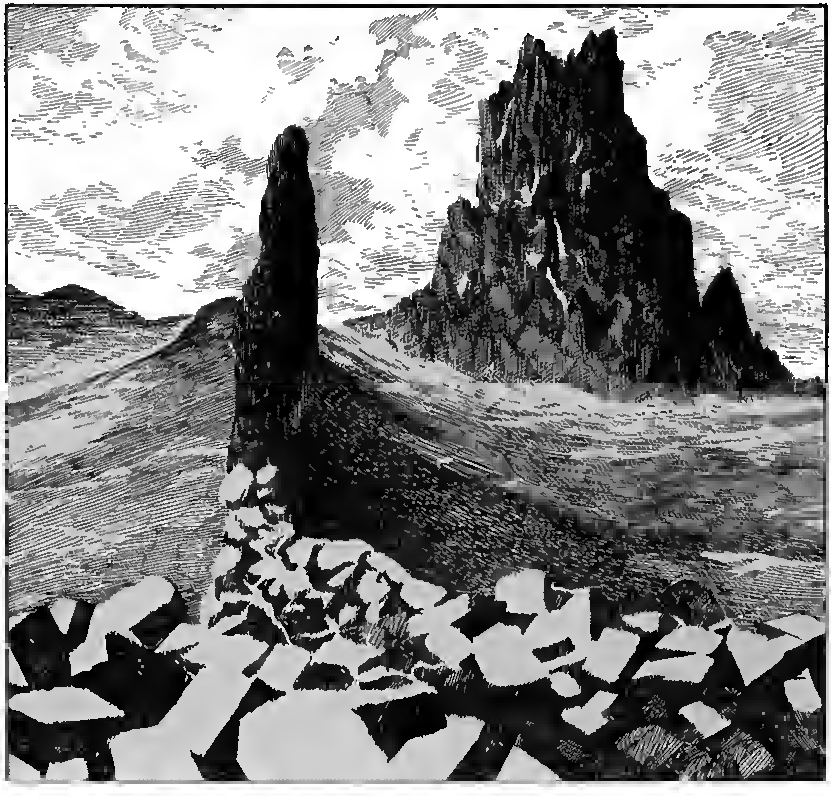
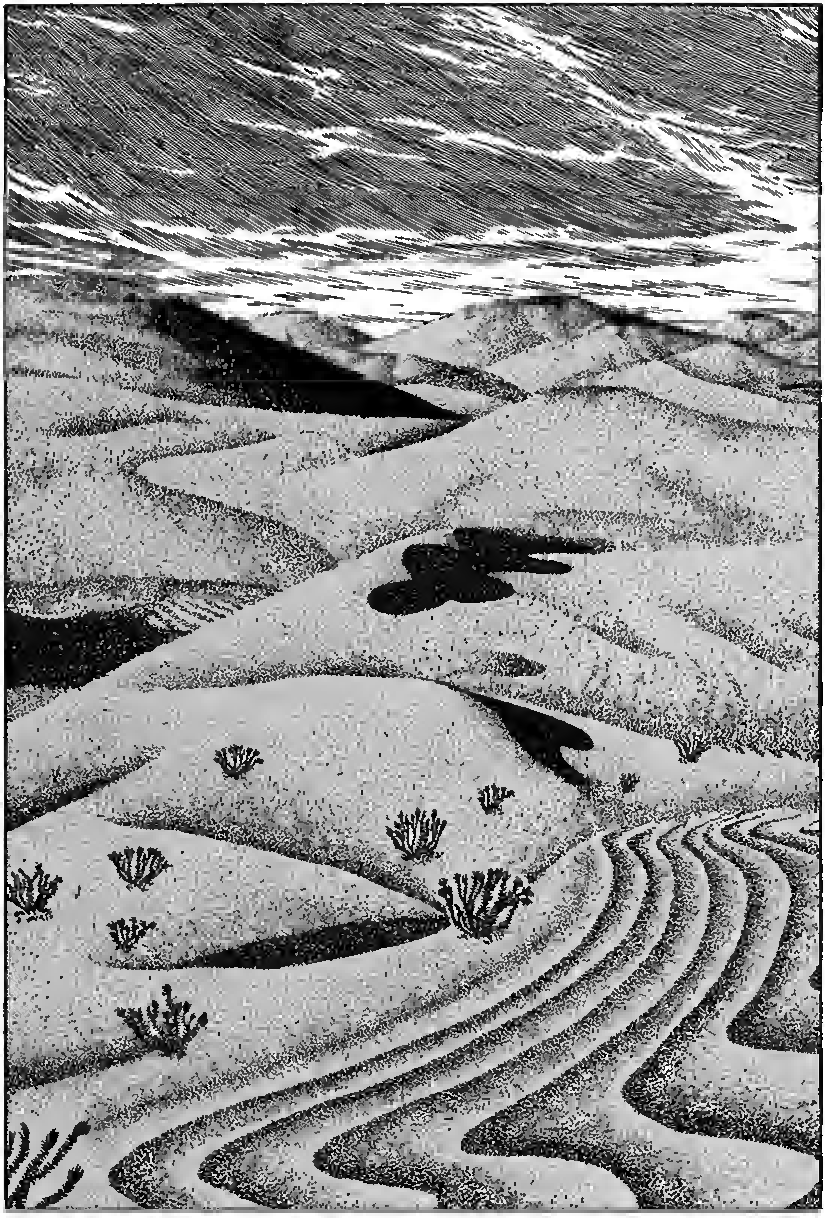
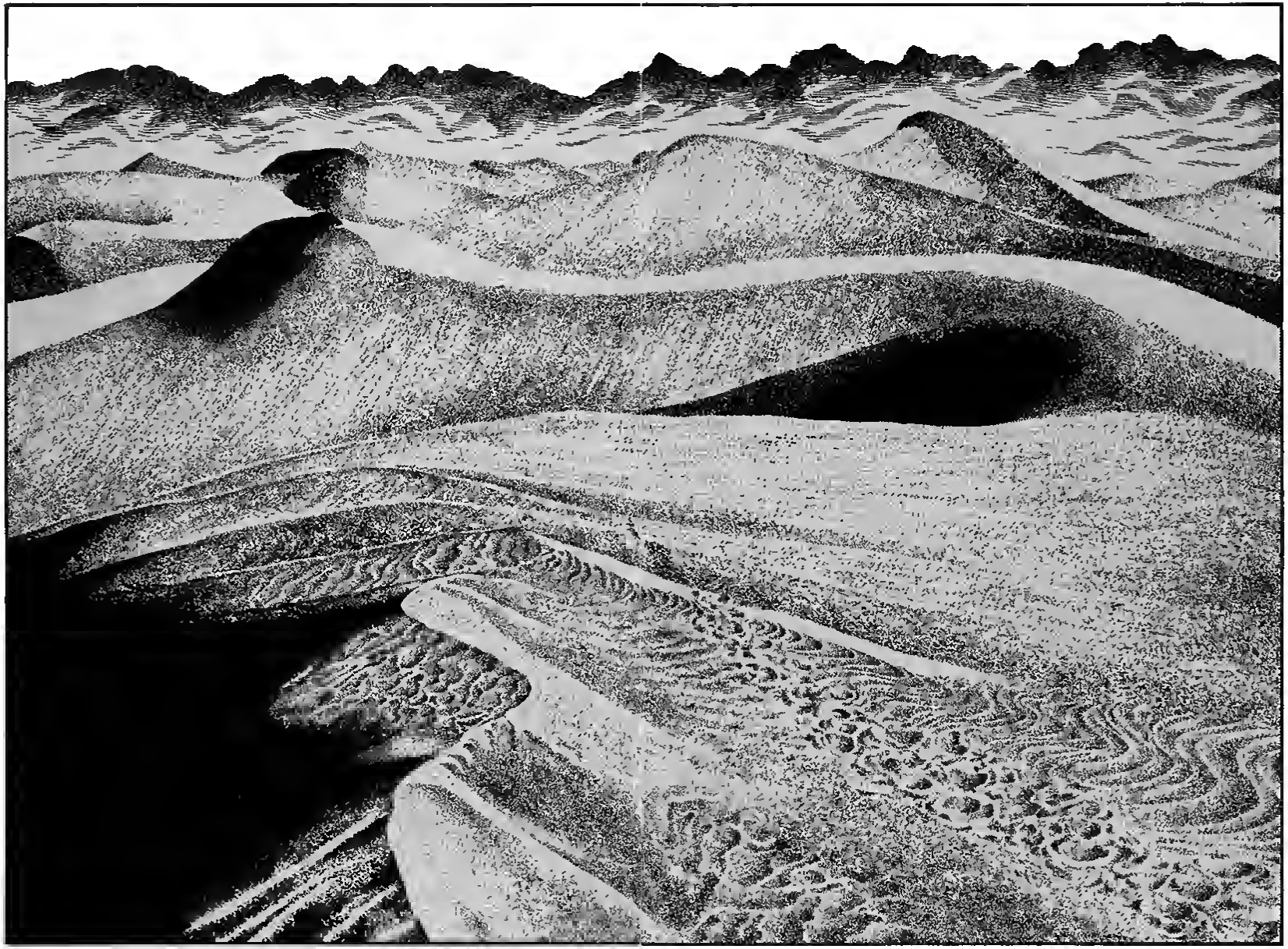
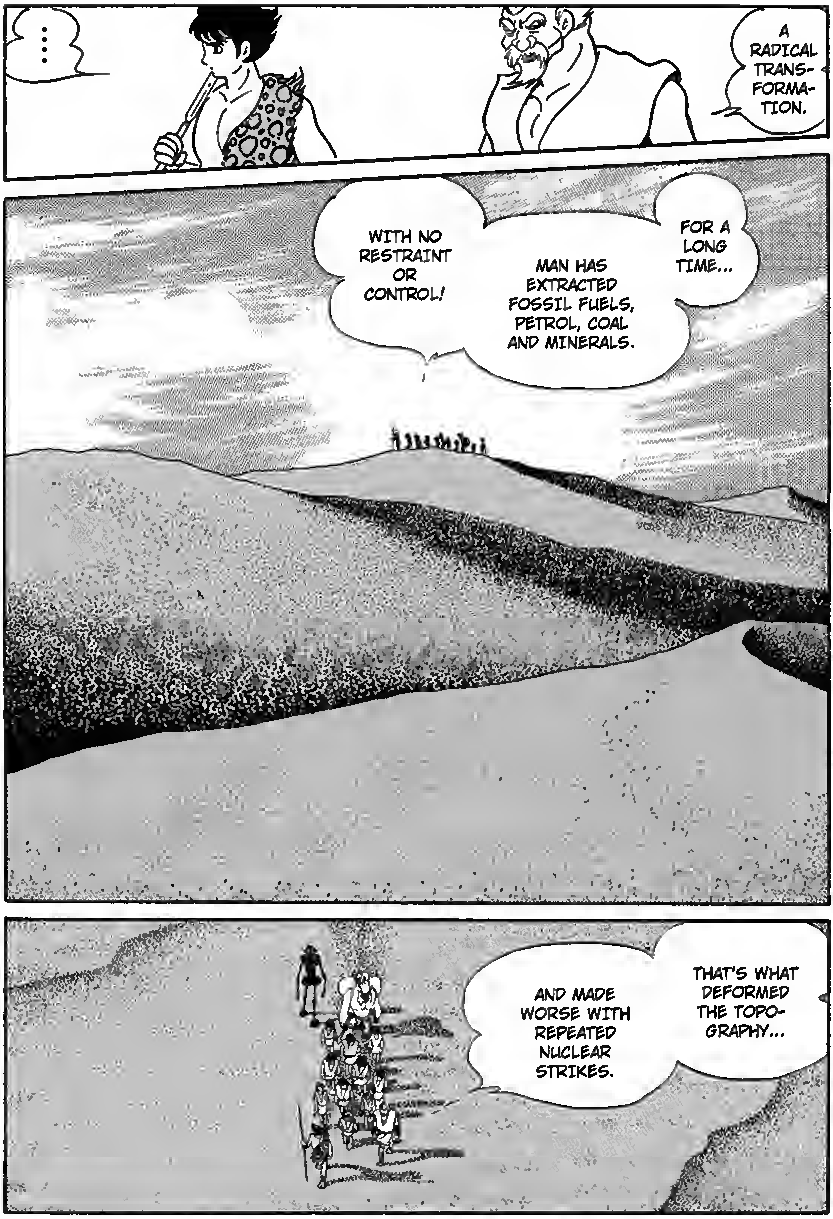


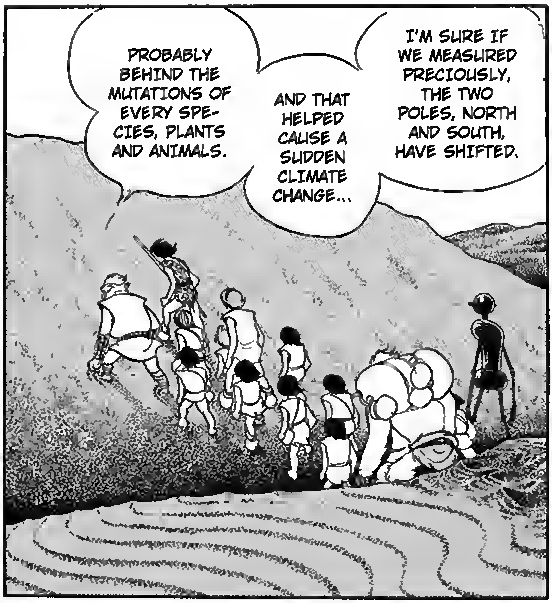


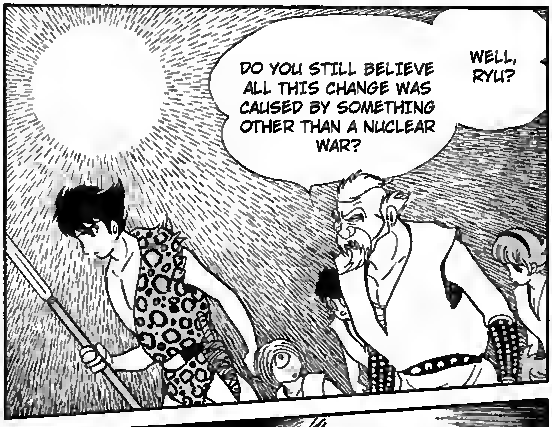




FHHH
ANYTHING WRONG?
...
I JUST HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THIS IS JAPAN.
JUST ...
AH?
NO, IT'S NOTHING
AND NOW... 4 TO 500 YEARS LATER, IT'S A DESERT...
THERE WERE ALWAYS TOWNS SWARMING WITH PEOPLE.
IN ANOTHER TIME, MY COUNTRY WASN'T THIS VAST...
THE GEOGRAPHY HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED.
THERE'S ALSO VALLEYS AND JUNGLES...
YES.

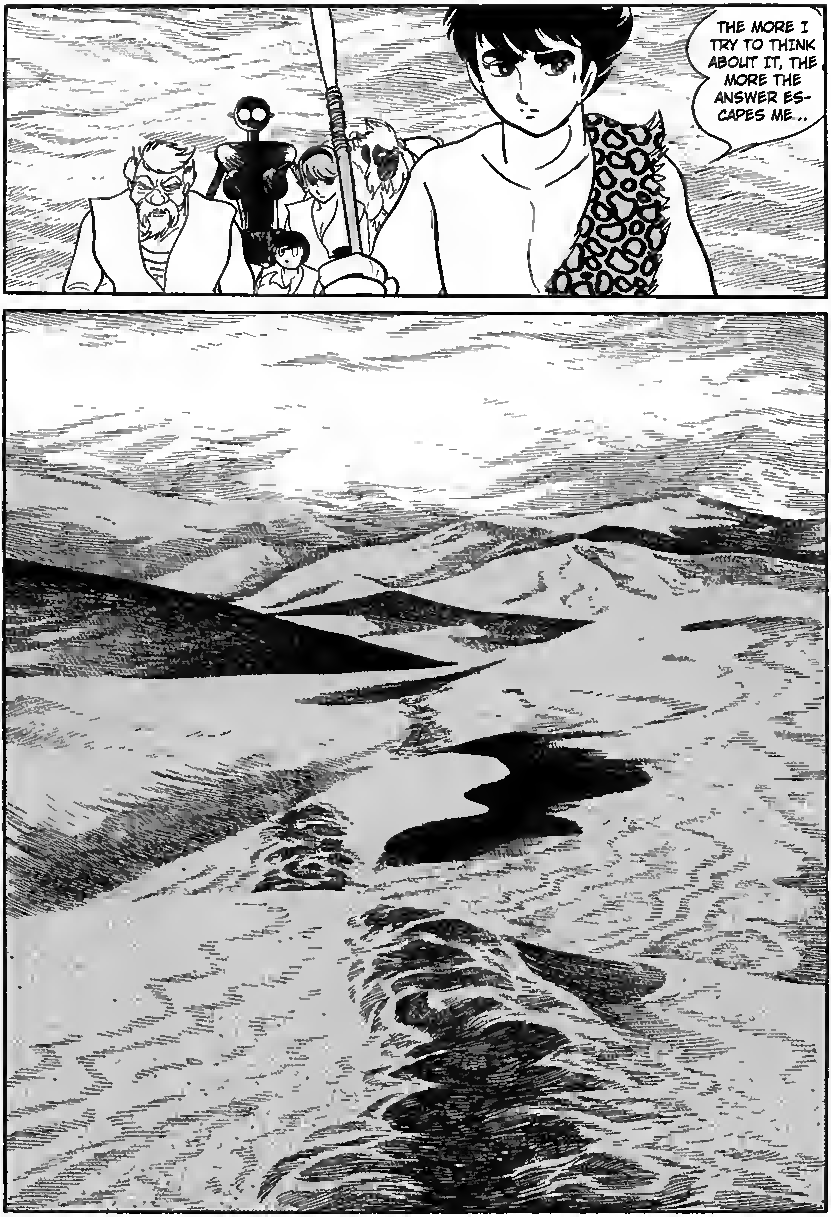

...
A RADICAL TRANS-FORMA-TION.
FOR A LONG TIME...
MAN HAS EXTRACTED FOSSIL FUELS, PETROL, COAL AND MINERALS.
WITH NO RESTRAINT OR CONTROL!
THAT'S WHAT DEFORMED THE TOPO-GRAPHY...
AND MADE WORSE WITH REPEATED NUCLEAR STRIKES.

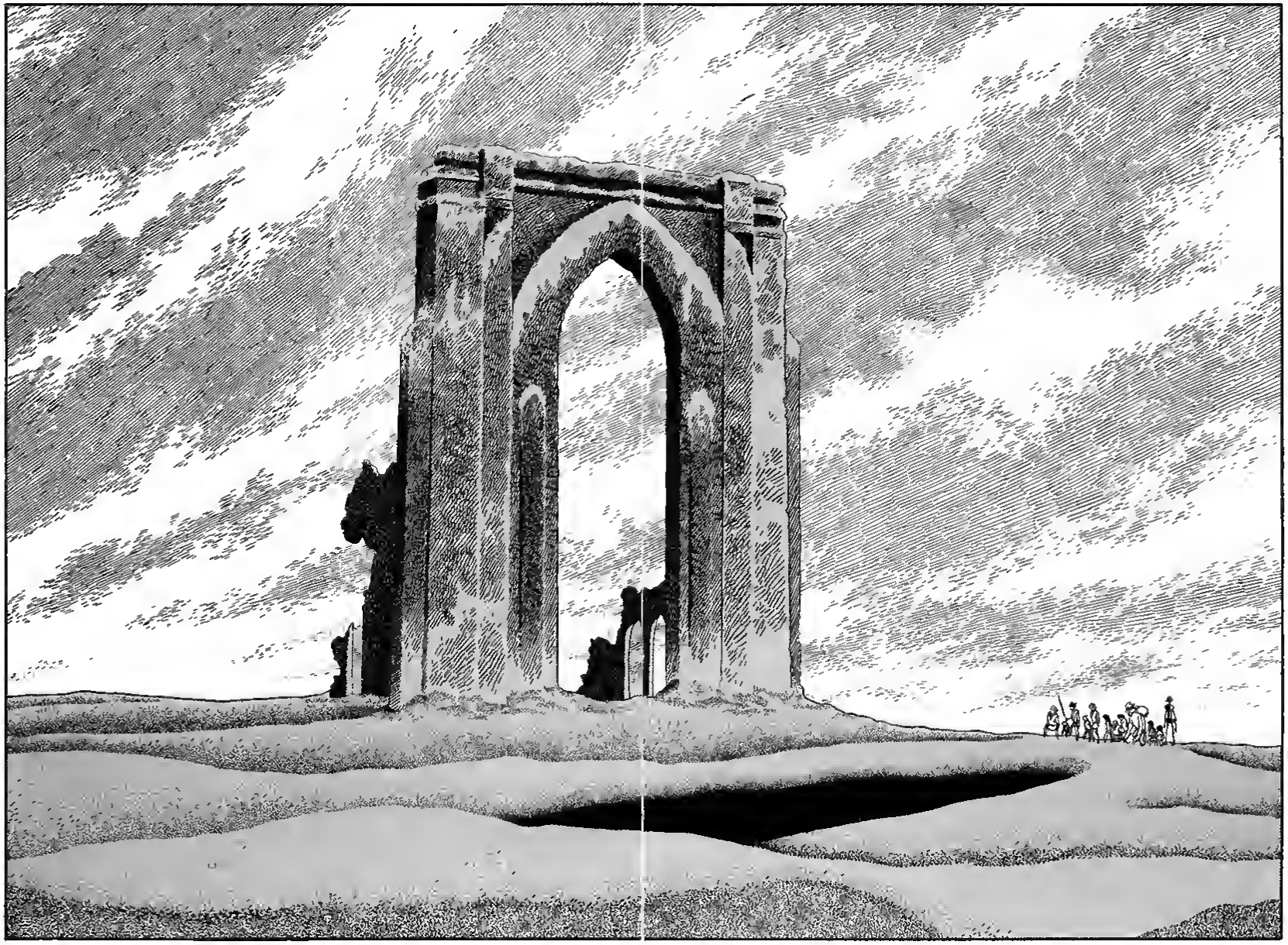

PROBABLY BEHIND THE MUTATIONS OF EVERY SPECIES, PLANTS AND ANIMALS.
AND THAT HELPED CAUSE A SUDDEN CLIMATE CHANGE...
I'M SURE IF WE MEASURED PRECIOUSLY, THE TWO POLES, NORTH AND SOUTH, HAVE SHIFTED.

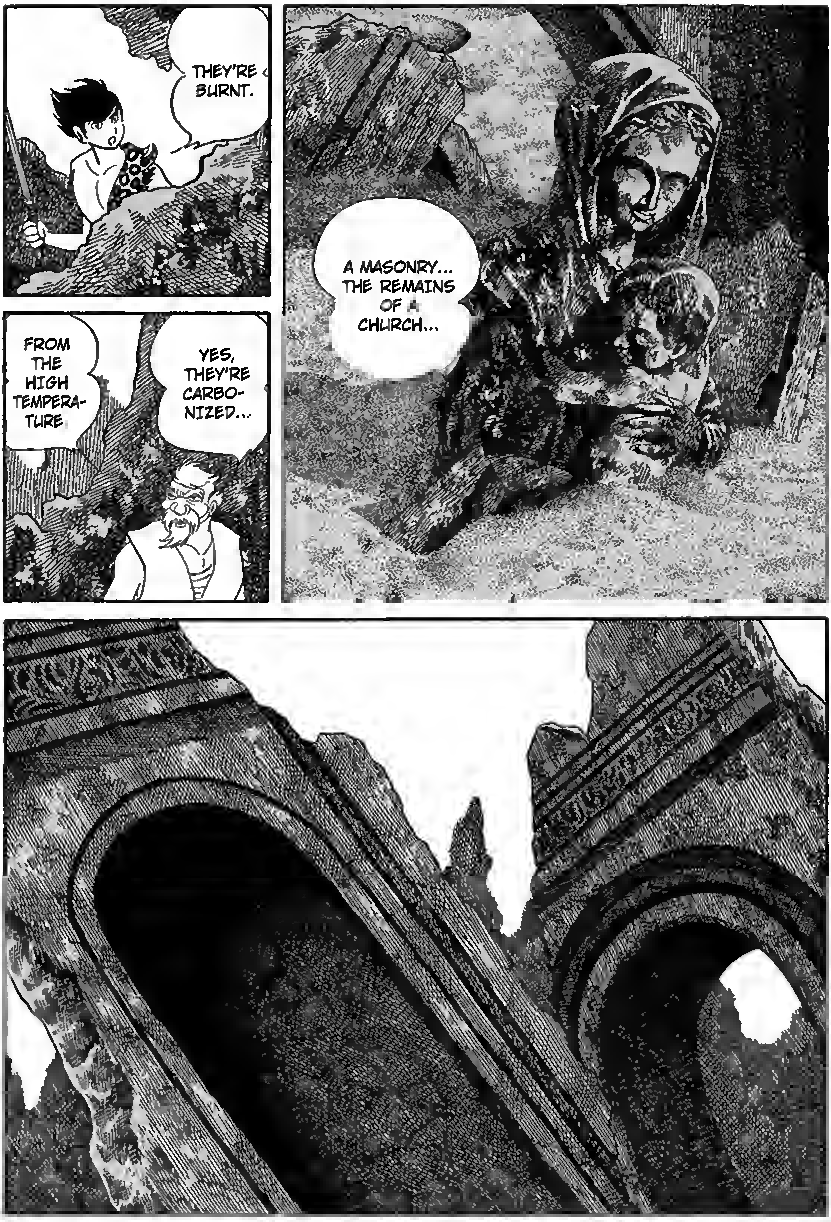

DO YOU STILL BELIEVE ALL THIS CHANGE WAS CAUSED BY SOMETHING OTHER THAN A NUCLEAR WAR?
WELL, RYU?

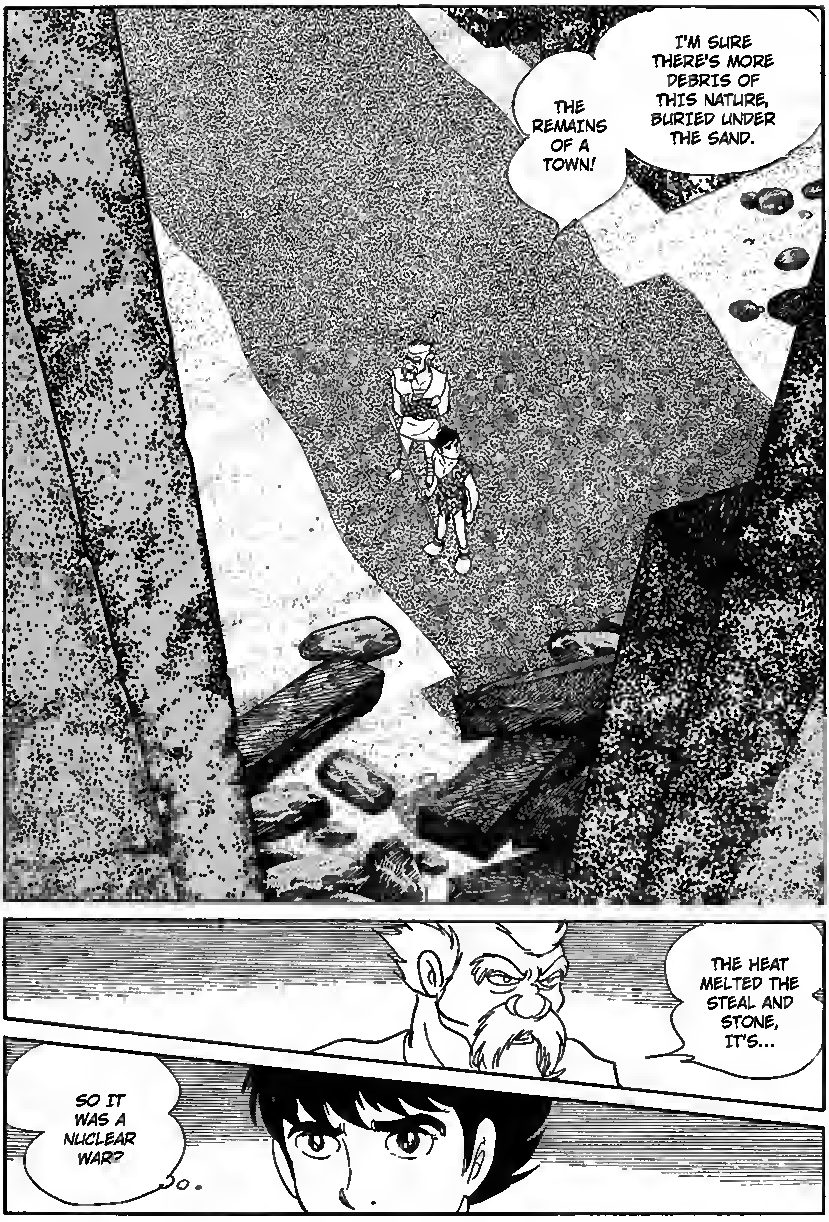
I DON'T KNOW.

IT ENDED WITH A VIOLENT SHAKE IN THE EARTH'S CRUST CAUSED BY A HUGE SHOCK..
SO THE ORIGIN, ACCORDING TO ME, WAS A NUCLEAR WAR.
MASSIVE SEISMIC ACTIVITY, IMMENSE VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, MONSTROUS FLOODS.. THE GROUND SINKING, HEAVING.. AND BECAUSE OF THESE CATACLYSMS, EVEN THE EARTH'S AXIS HAS BEEN CHANGED.

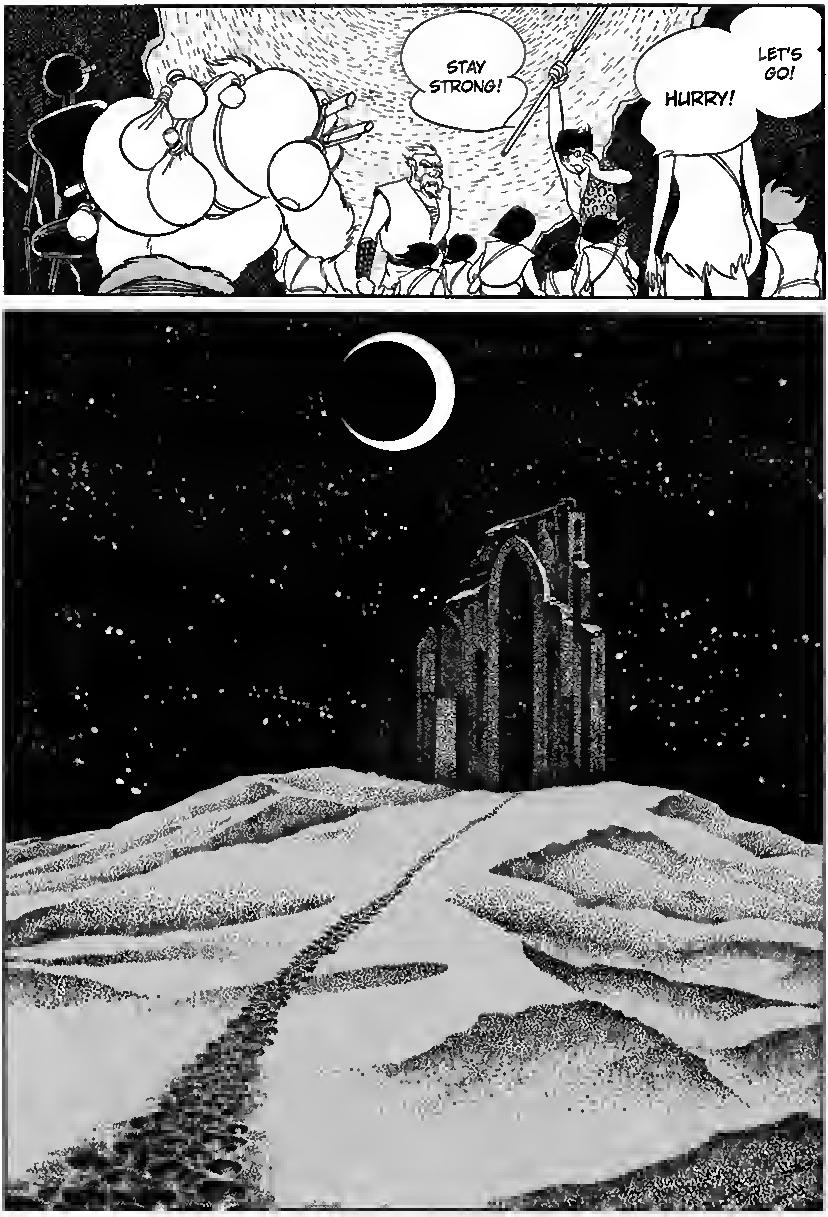

THE MORE I TRY TO THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE THE ANSWER ES-CAPES ME..

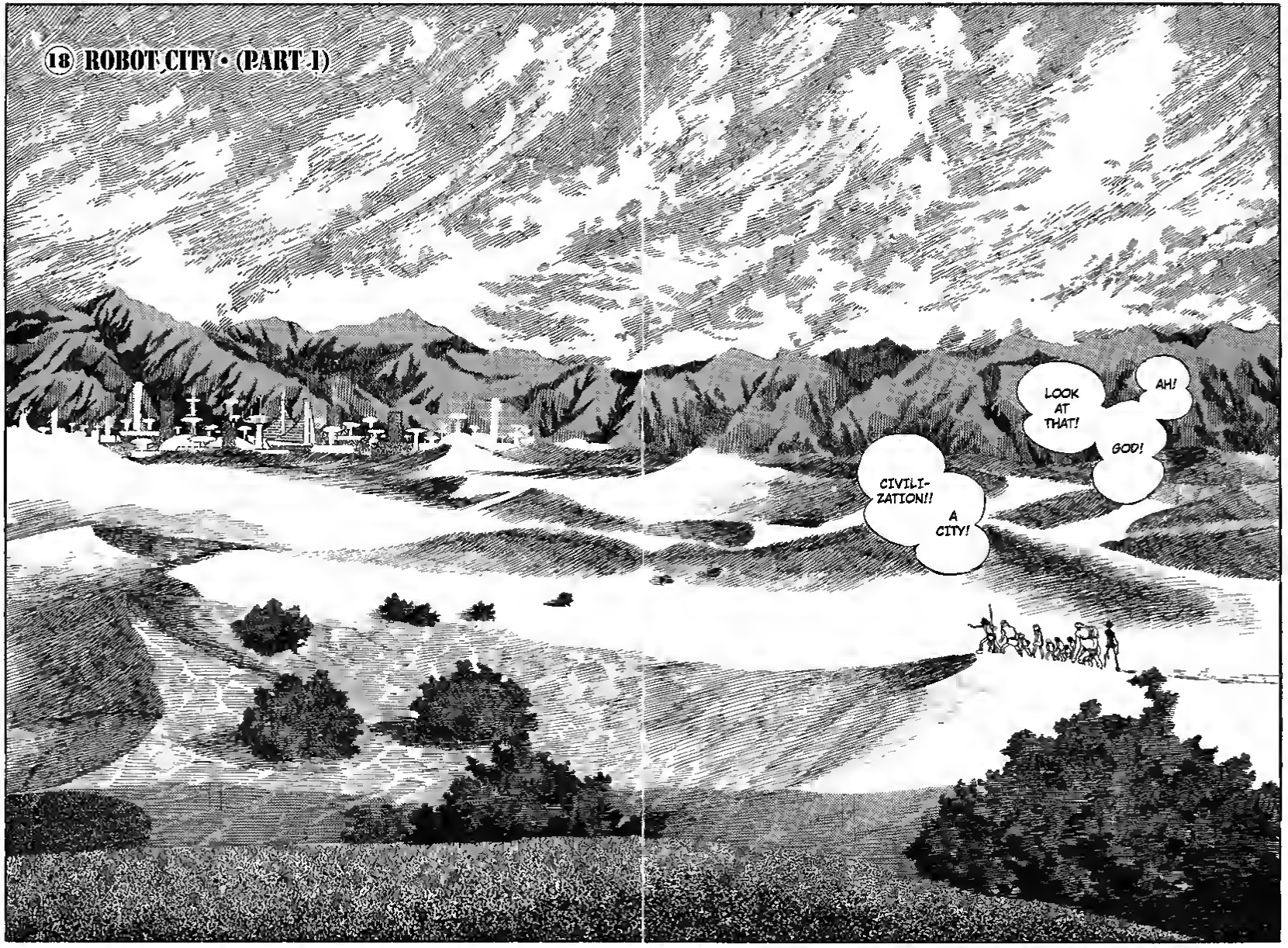


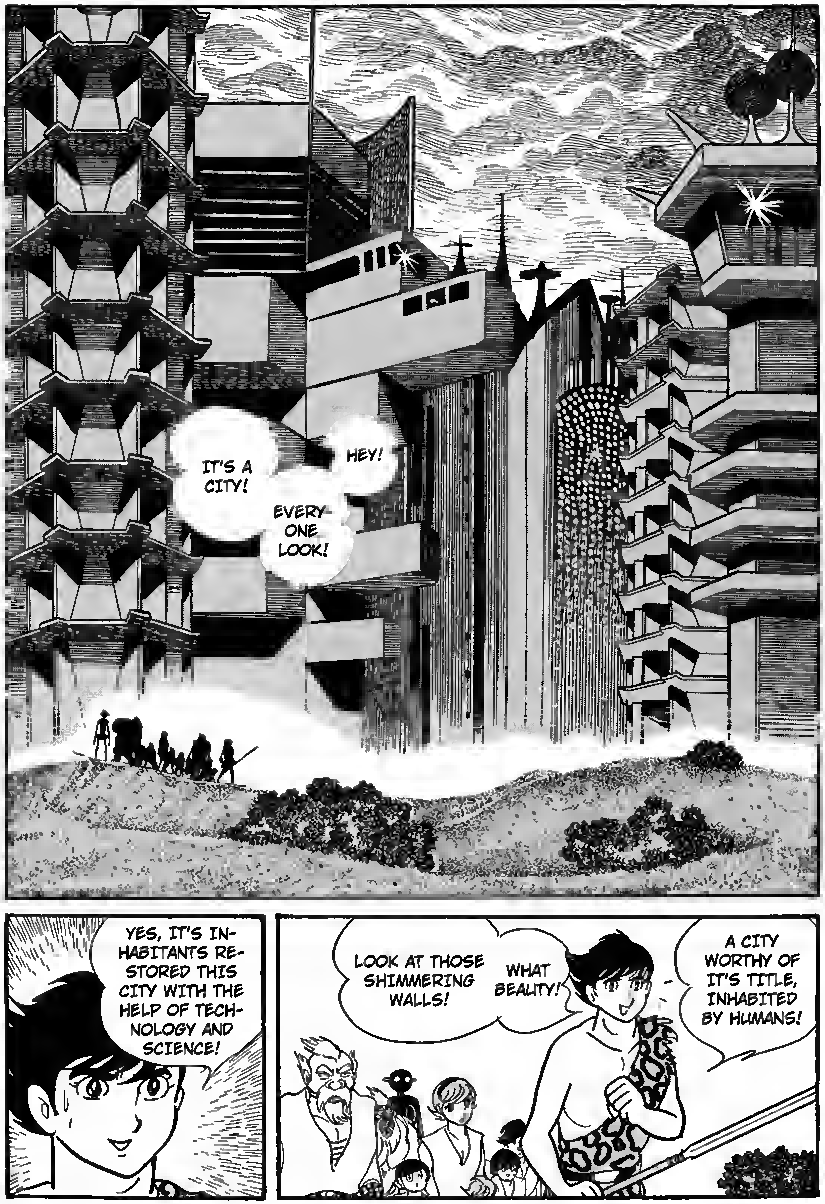

THEY'RE BURNT.
A MASONRY... THE REMAINS OF A CHURCH...
FROM THE HIGH TEMPERA-TURE
YES, THEY'RE CARBO-NIZED...


I'M SURE THERE'S MORE DEBRIS OF THIS NATURE, BURIED UNDER THE SAND.
THE REMAINS OF A TOWN!
THE HEAT MELTED THE STEAL AND STONE, IT'S...
SO IT WAS A NUCLEAR WAR?

HEY!
DON'T DRINK SO MUCH!
WATER IS TOO PRE-CIOUS
WE ONLY HAVE ENOUGH FOR ONE MORE DAY.
...
SHIT!
WHAT AN IMMENSE DESERT!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN THREE DAYS...
WE HAVE TO FIND A SOURCE OF WATER BY TOMORROW, OR, WE'LL...
NO USE THINKING ABOUT IT!
SO LET'S ADVANCE.


STAY STRONG!
HURRY!
LET'S GO!


⑱ ROBOT CITY • (PART 1)
AH!
LOOK AT THAT!
GOD!
CIVILI-ZATION!!
A CITY!

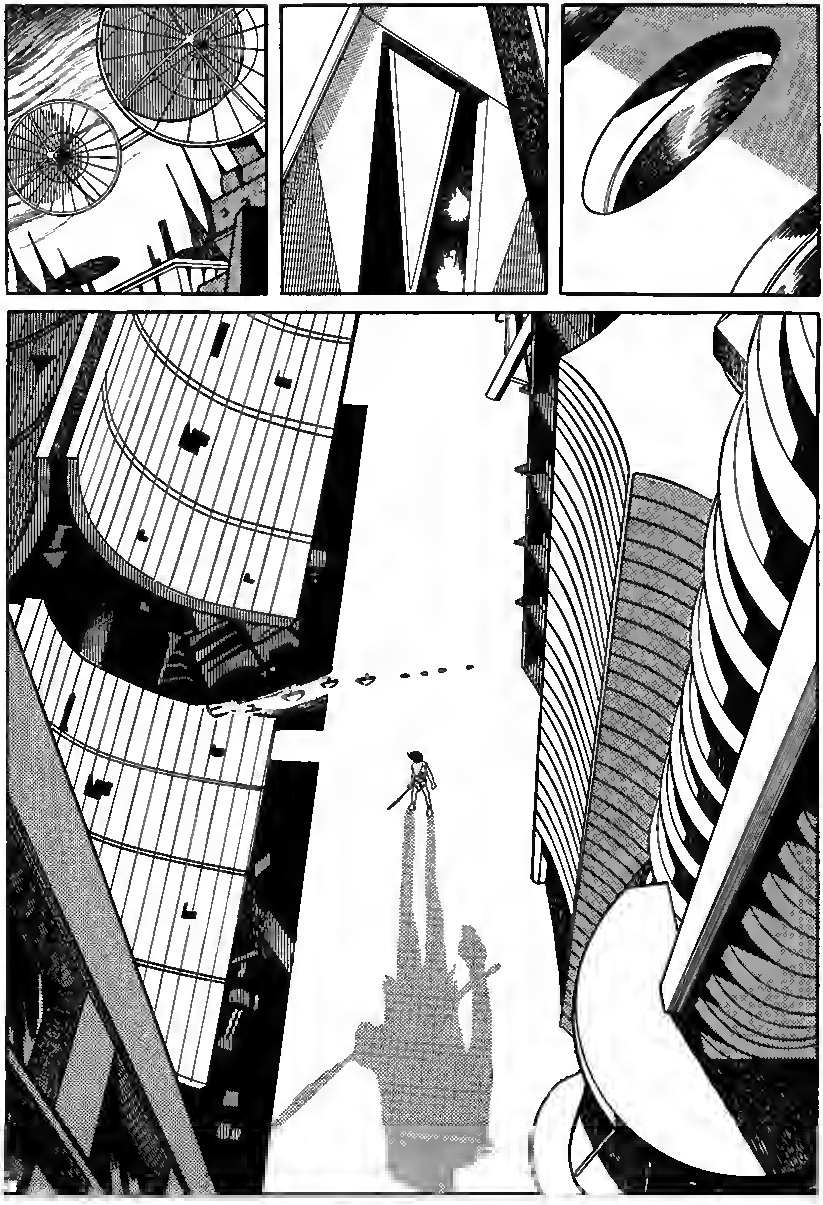

IT'S A CITY!
HEY!
EVERY-ONE LOOK!
YES, IT'S INHABITANTS RESTORED THIS CITY WITH THE HELP OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE!
LOOK AT THOSE SHIMMERING WALLS!
WHAT BEAUTY!
A CITY WORTHY OF IT'S TITLE, INHABITED BY HUMANS!

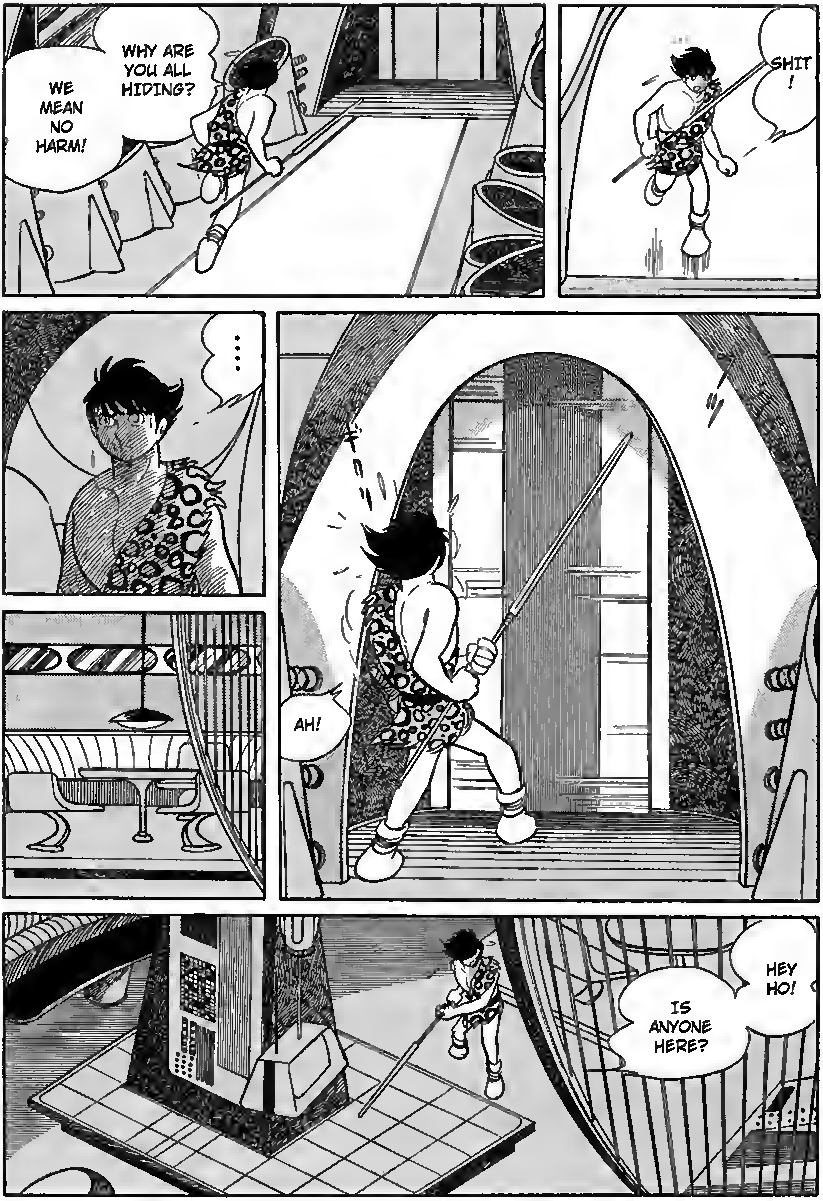
I WAS RIGHT! CIVILIZATION DOES EXIST!
FINALLY...
C'MON, LET'S GO!
LET'S MEET IT'S CITIZENS!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
OH YEAH!
WHAT?
NATURALLY, YOU'RE SURPRISED!
HAHA HA!
DON'T WORRY!
.....
YOU SURE?
THEY'LL ACCEPT US WITH OPEN ARMS!
GOD...
HUH?

THESE PEOPLE ARE CIVILIZED, SO THEY MUST BE NICE!
THIS CLEANLINESS TELLS US ANYTHING
I DON'T THINK ...
IT'S TOO NICE... TOO COLD.
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE WILL EASILY ACCEPT US?
WHY EVEN ASK THAT?
OF COURSE! IT'S OBVIOUS!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR ENTHUSIASM, BUT THINK ABOUT IT. DON'T YOU FIND IT A BIT STRANGE?
RYU.
IT'S BECAUSE THESE ARE A REFINED PEOPLE WITH A STRONG SENSE OF HYGIENE!
...

THERE'S NO LIFE IN THIS CITY. IT'S DEAD!
AND SO FAR WE HAVEN'T HEARD A THING.
THERE'S ALWAYS NOISE.
IN A CITY OF THIS SIZE...
IT'S QUIET ...
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
NO!
WHAT?
THERE'S NO TRACE OF LIFE HERE!
THERE'S NO ONE!
RYU! WAIT!
A CITY MUST BE...
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE THAT THERE ISN'T ANYONE IN THIS CITY!
SHIT !
NOT A SPECK OF DUST ON THE ROADS!
LOOK!
COULD IT BE MAIN-TAINED?
HOW ELSE ...
BUILT AND MANAGE BY PEOPLE !

IS ANYONE AROUND !?
HEY !
AND NO DIRT ON THE WIN-DOWS!
AND THESE IMPEC-CABLE WALLS!
HA HA ..
AND THERE ISN'T ANYONE DOING THE CLEANING?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?
SILENCE
...
AND SHOW YOUR-SELVES!
AN-SWER !

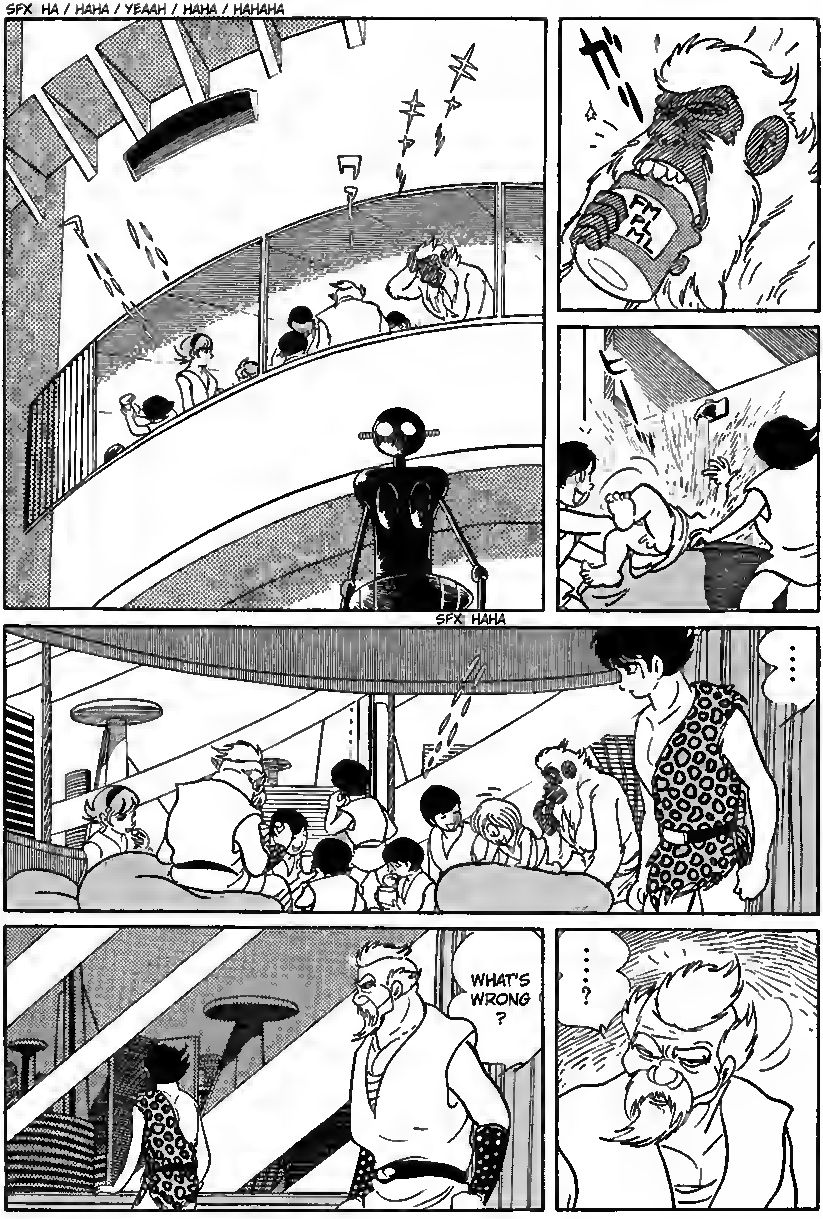



WHY ARE YOU ALL HIDING?
WE MEAN NO HARM!
SHIT!
AH!
HEY HO!
IS ANYONE HERE?

RYU ?
NO, I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE ...
IT MAKES NO SENSE!
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
THERE'S NOT A LIVING SOUL IN THIS CITY.
YOU NEED TO ACCEPT THAT!
IF THERE'S NO HUMANS, THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR IT.
I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
NO!
AND WE HAVE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE...
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

...
WE'LL LIVE HERE!
WE'LL MAKE THIS CITY OURS!
THEN DON'T WORRY!
IF NO ONE'S HERE...
RYU, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THIS END!
I'M CHECK-ING...
...

AND DRINKS!
THERE'S FOOD!
WE HAVE WATER!
THIS CITY ISN'T DEAD!
SHE'S ALIVE AND KICKING!
WE CAN LIVE HERE!
TAKE SOME!
YES, THIS IS GREAT!
!?
WATER !!
WATER !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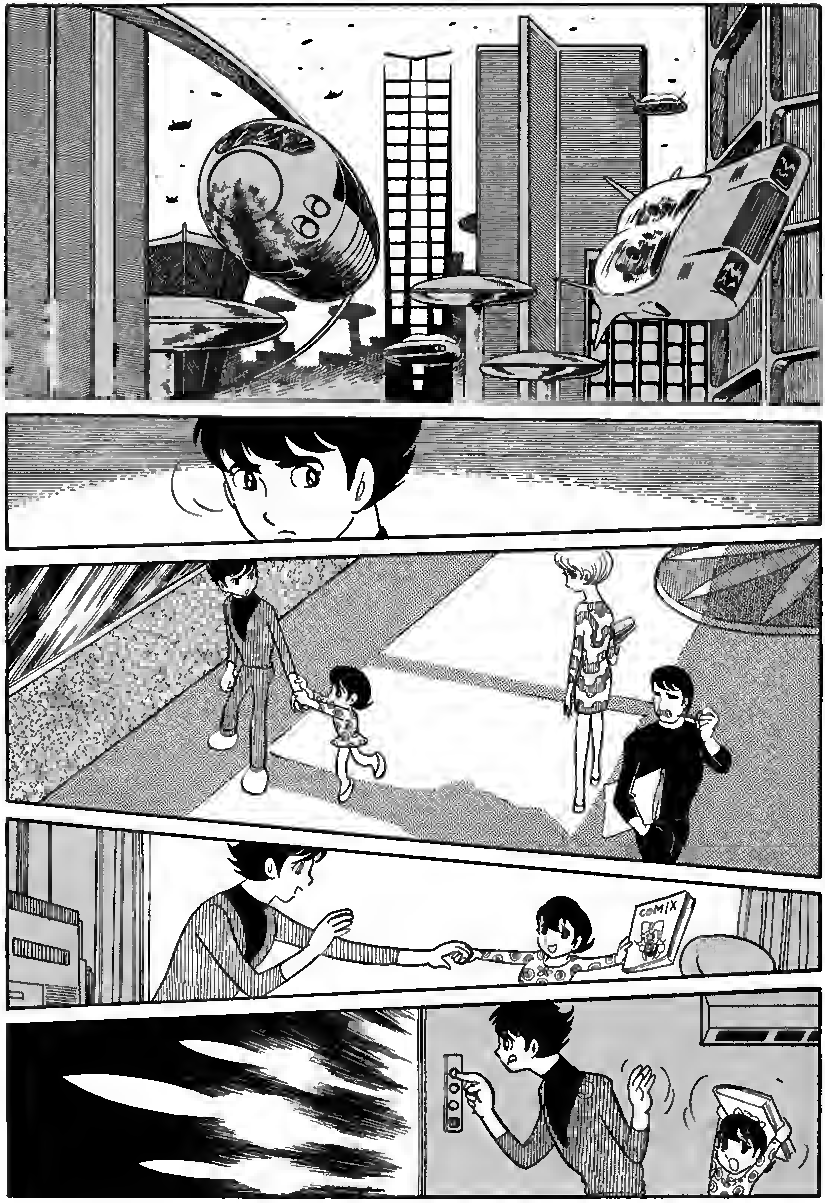
SFX HAHA
WHAT'S WRONG ?
.....?

IT REMINDS ME...
OF COURSE NOT! WHY WOULD I?
YOU'RE CRYING ?
THEY LOOK SO SIMI-LAR...
OF MY CITY.
OF...
...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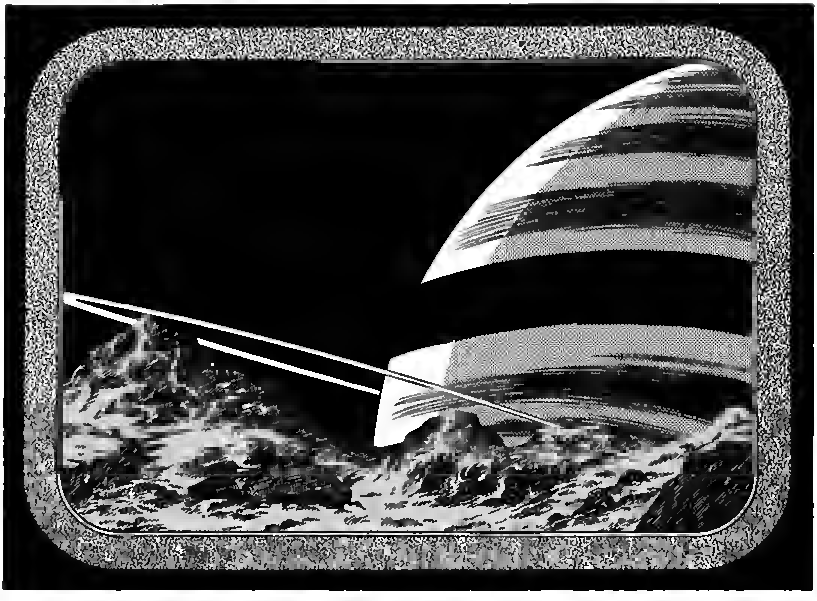
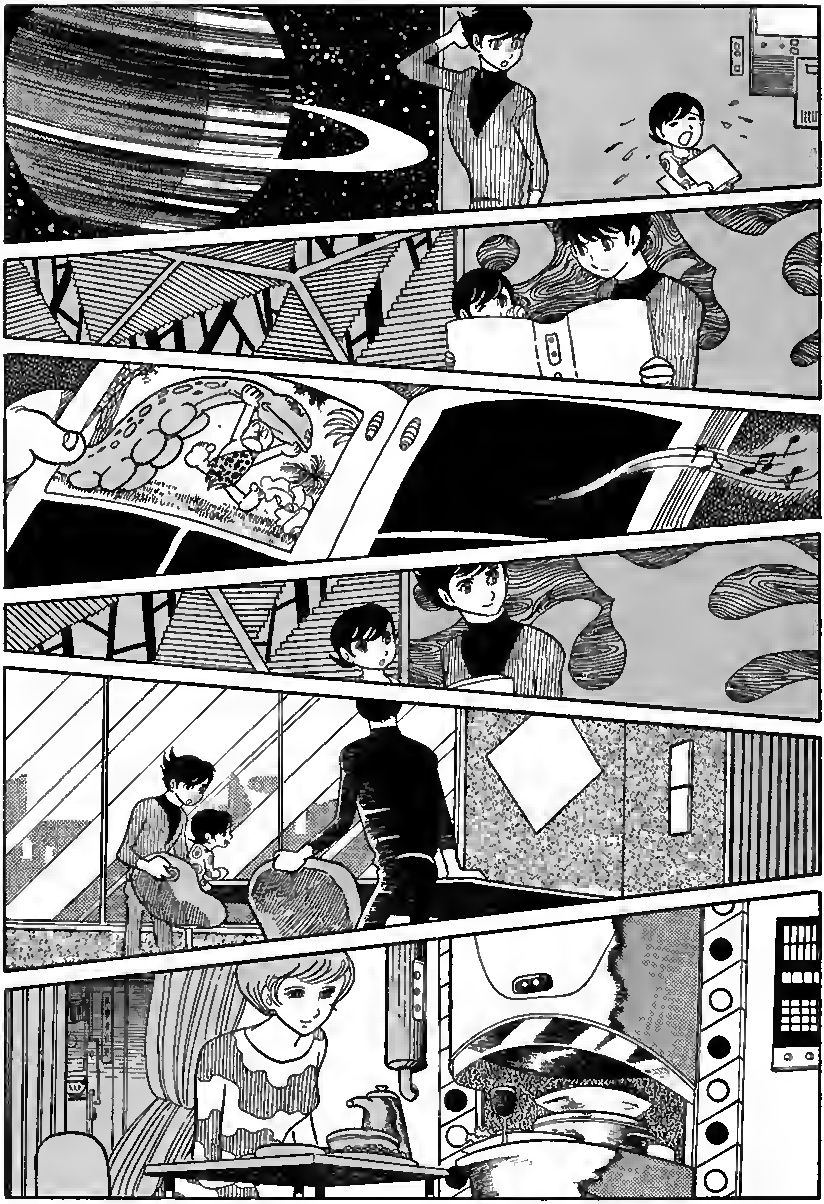
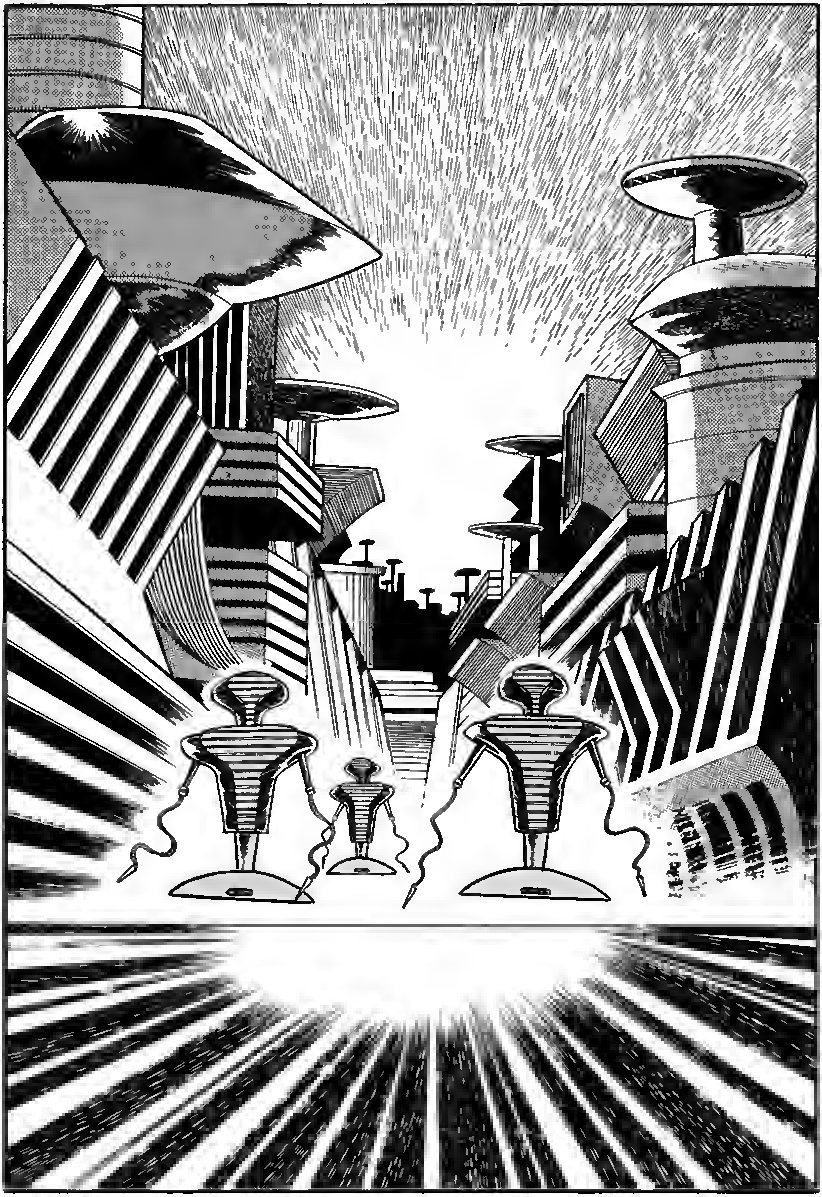
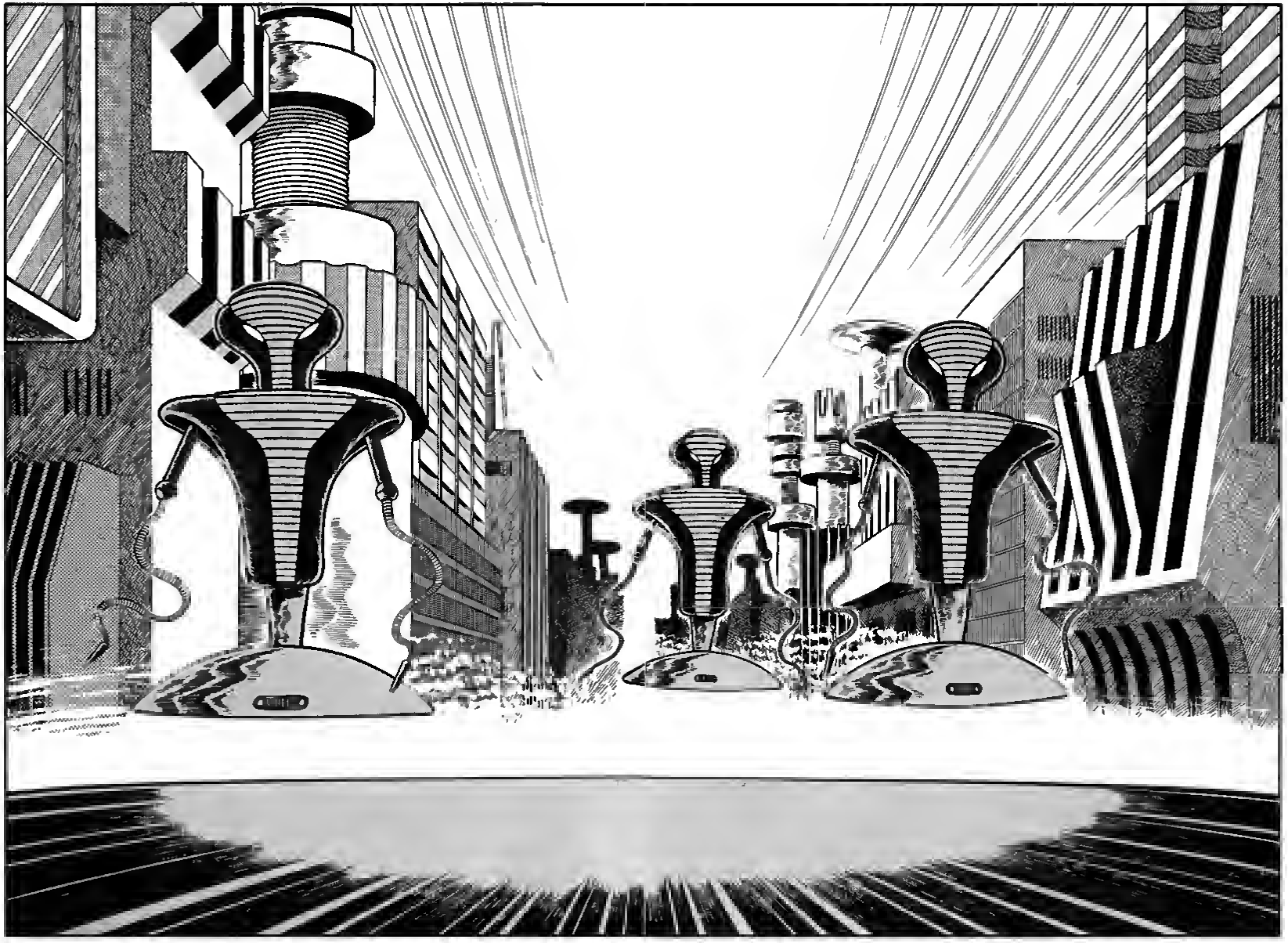


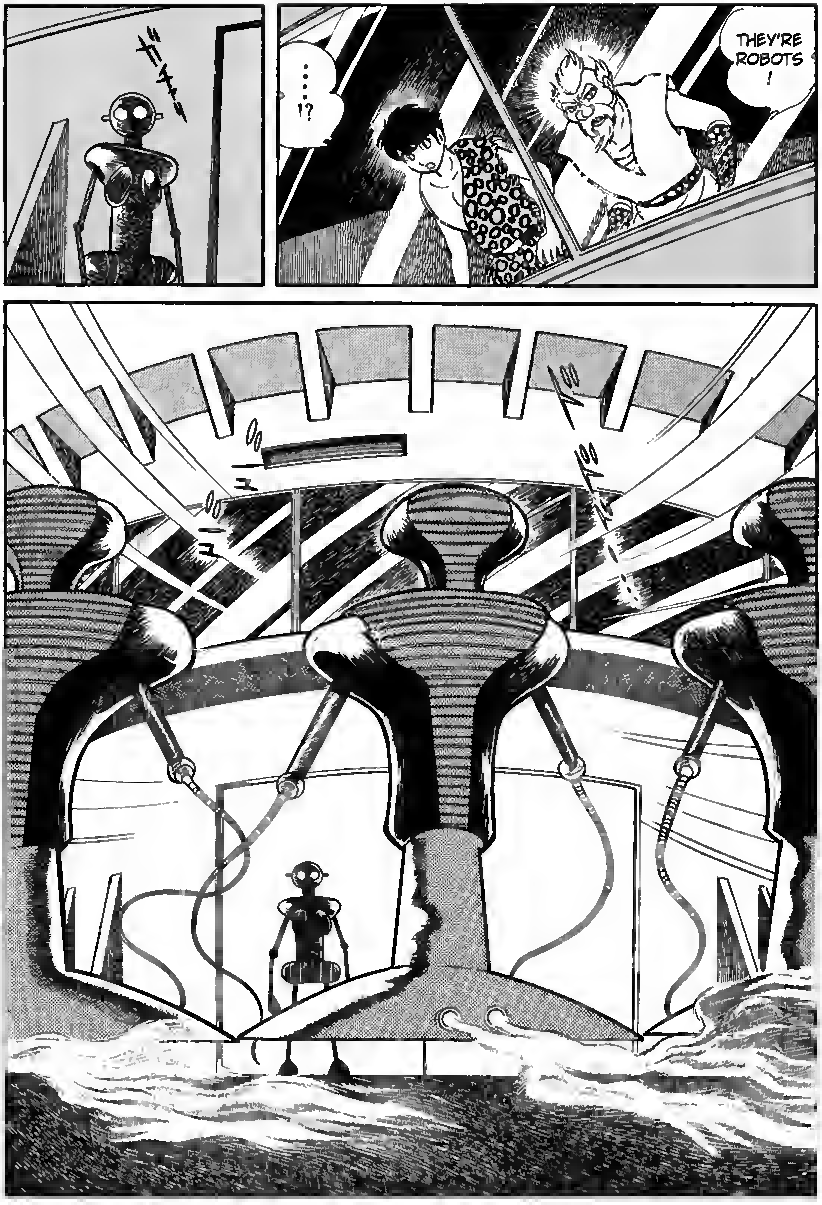


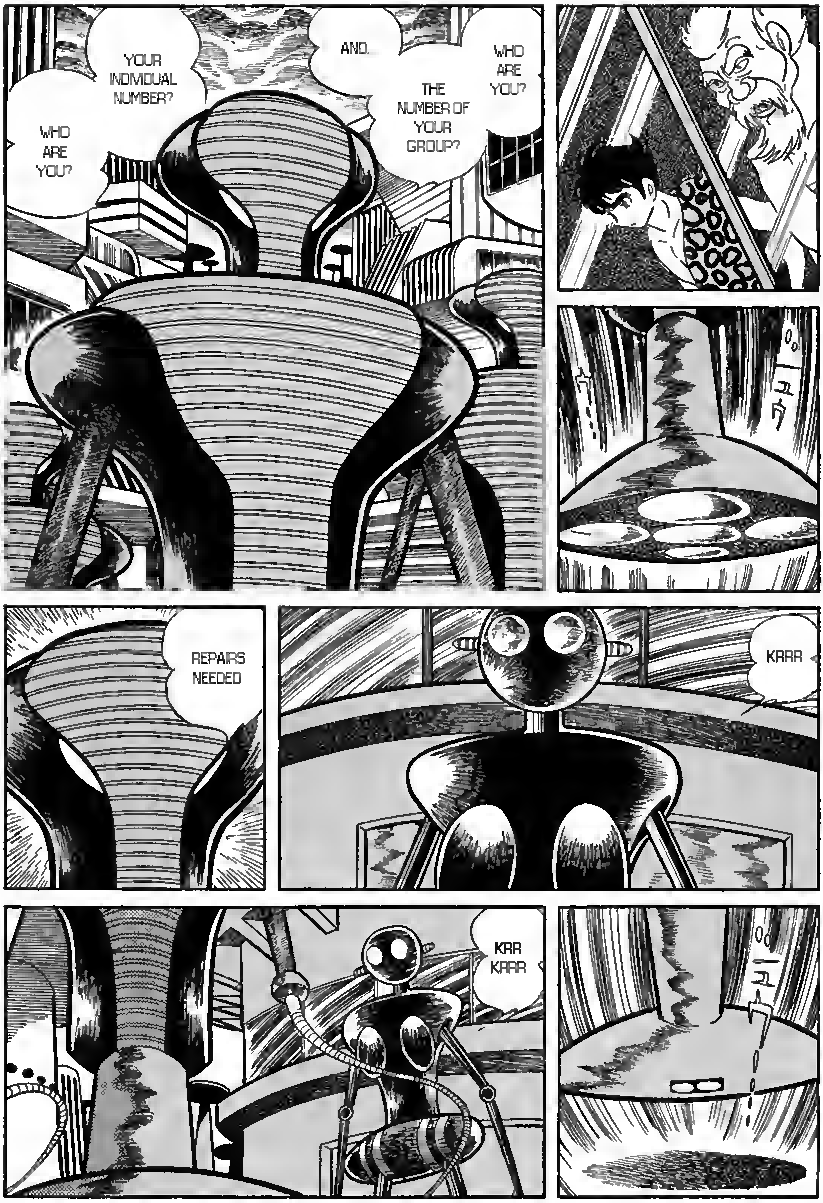
AH!
GOD!

LOOK, IT'S PEOPLE!
HMM?
NO!!






THEY'RE ROBOTS !
.....!?


YOUR INDIVIDUAL NUMBER?
WHO ARE YOU?
AND...
THE NUMBER OF YOUR GROUP?
WHO ARE YOU?
REPAIRS NEEDED
KRRR
KRR KRRR

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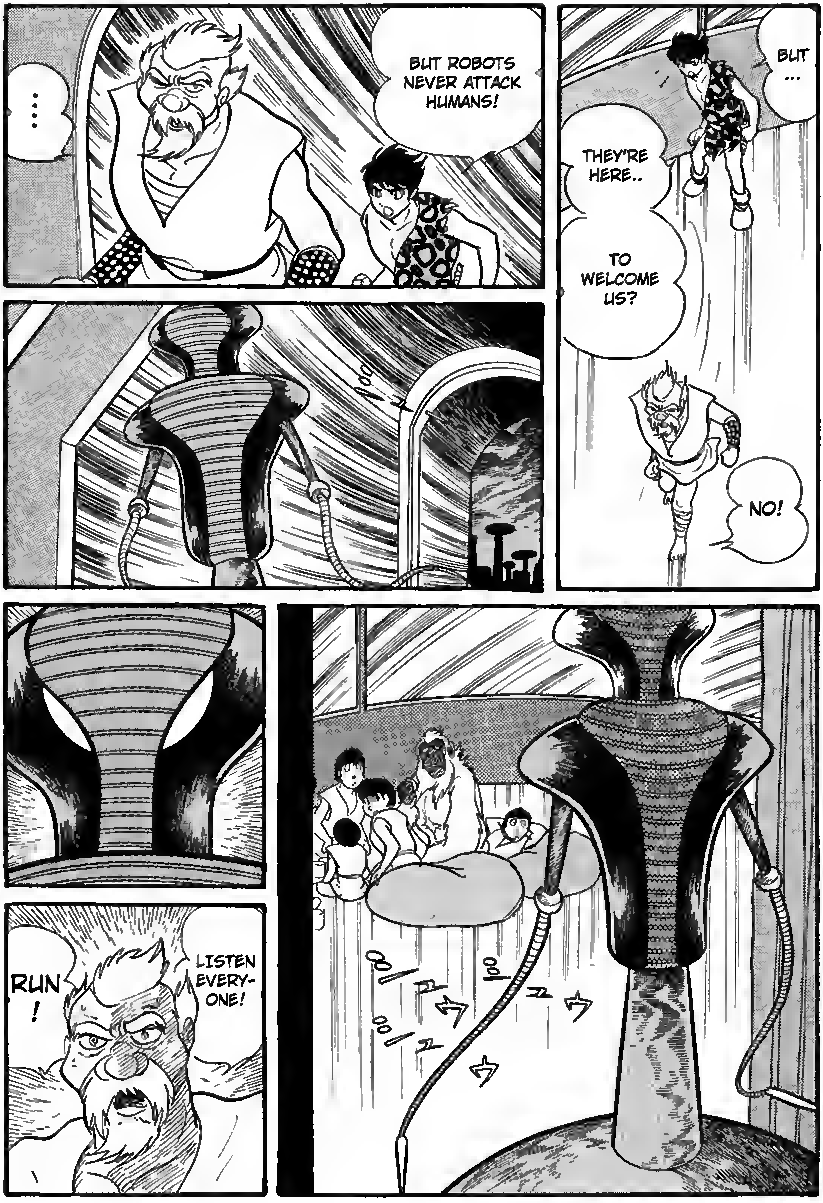
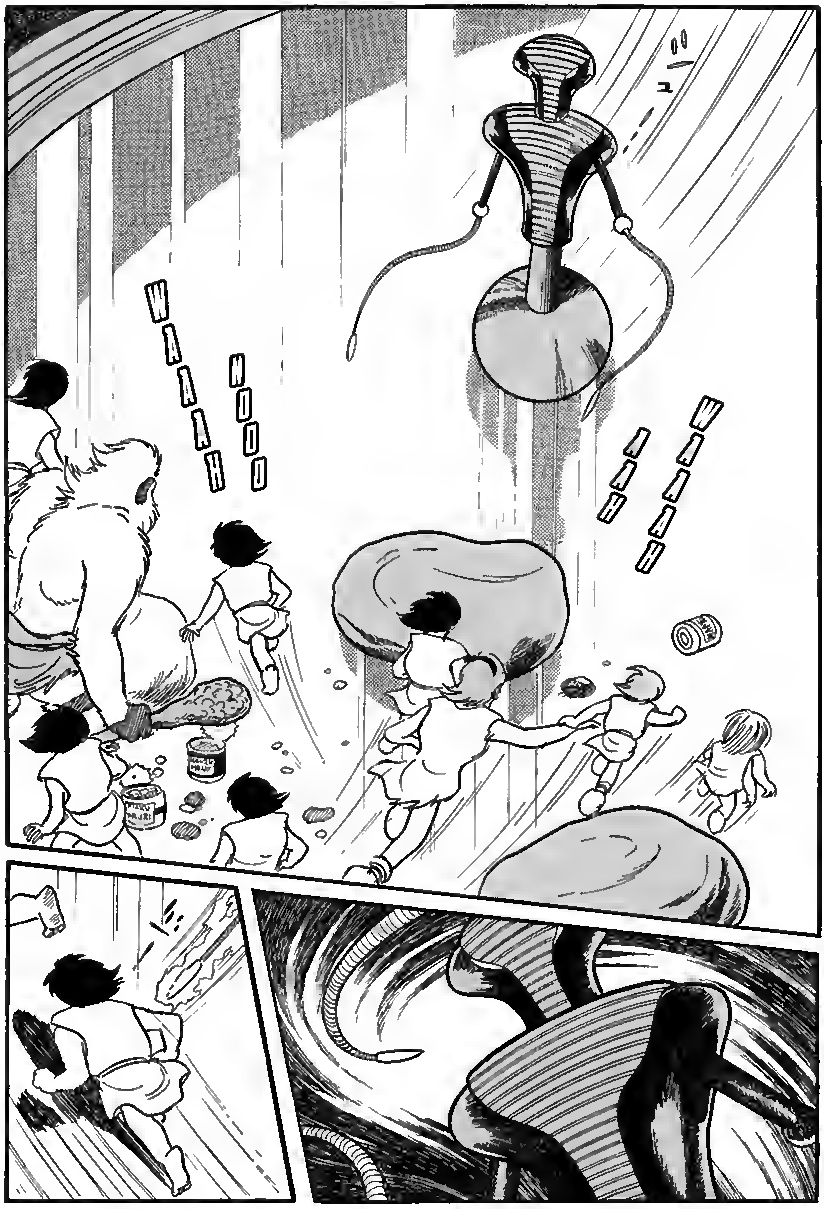
THAT'S IT!

SCHH
GHRRR KRRR
ISAAC STOPPED MOVING?
THE ROBOTS ..
YES
THEY'RE COMING FOR US!
EVACUATE THE CHILDREN!
IT'S DANGEROUS!


BUT ROBOTS NEVER ATTACK HUMANS!
...
BUT ...
THEY'RE HERE..
TO WELCOME US?
NO!
RUN!
LISTEN EVERY-ONE!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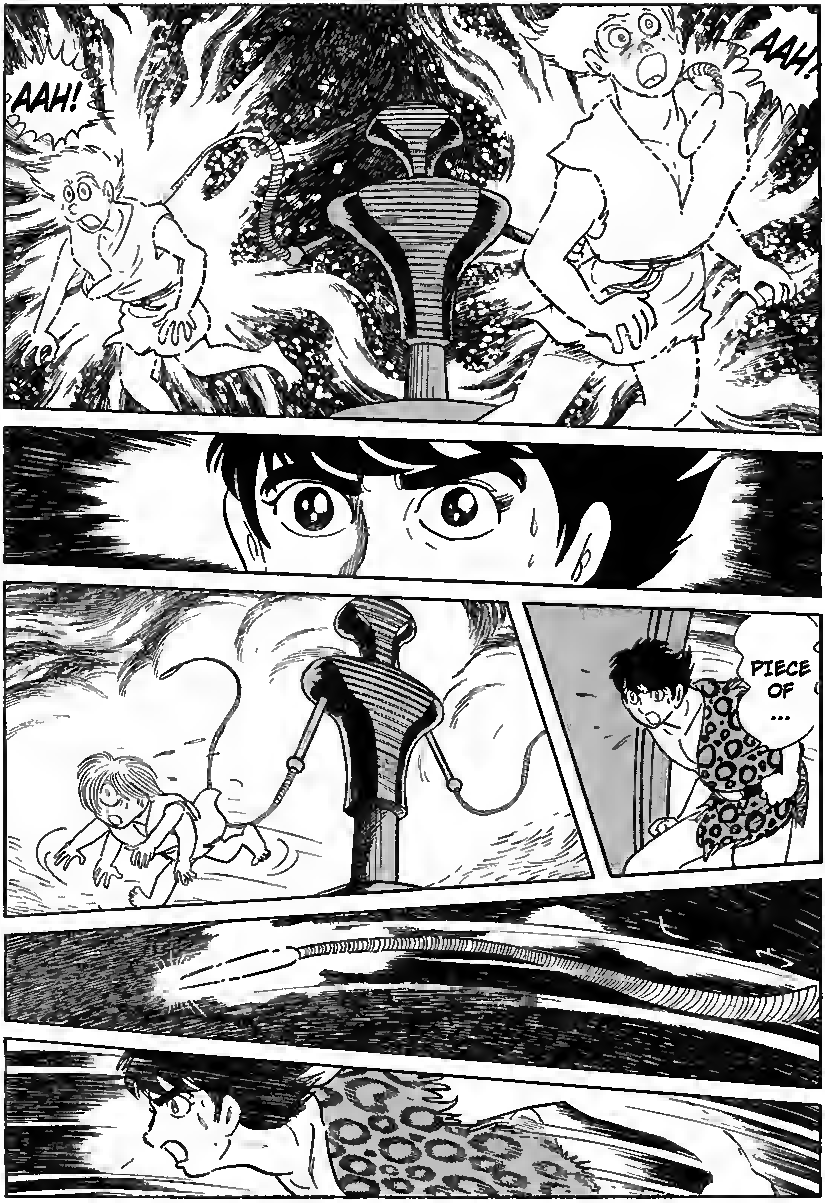
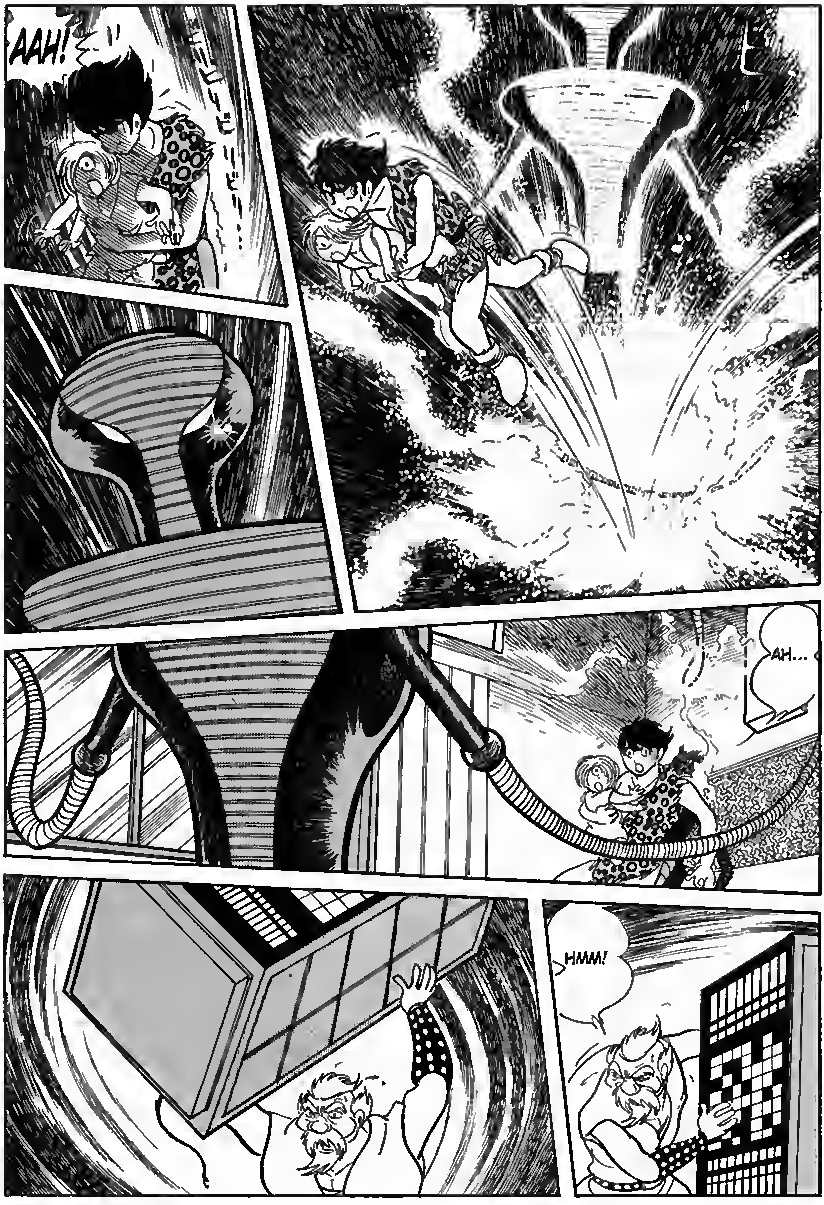
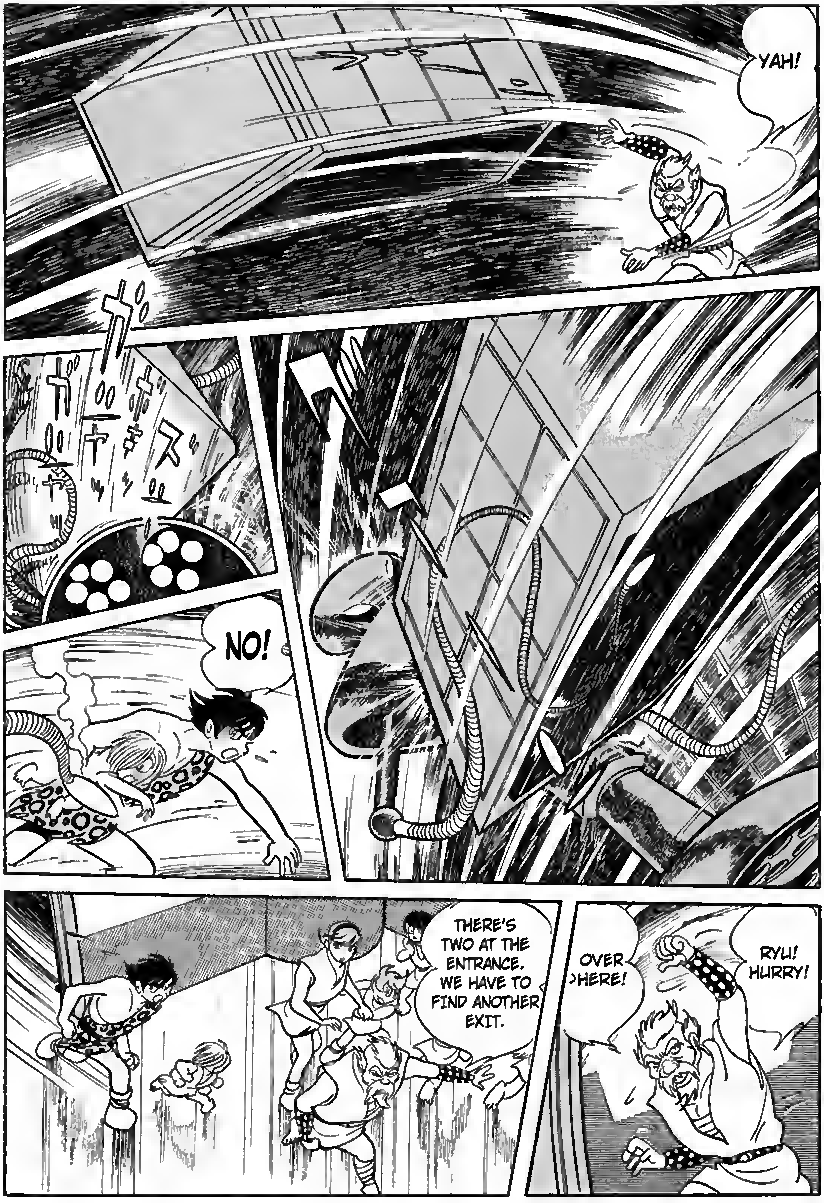
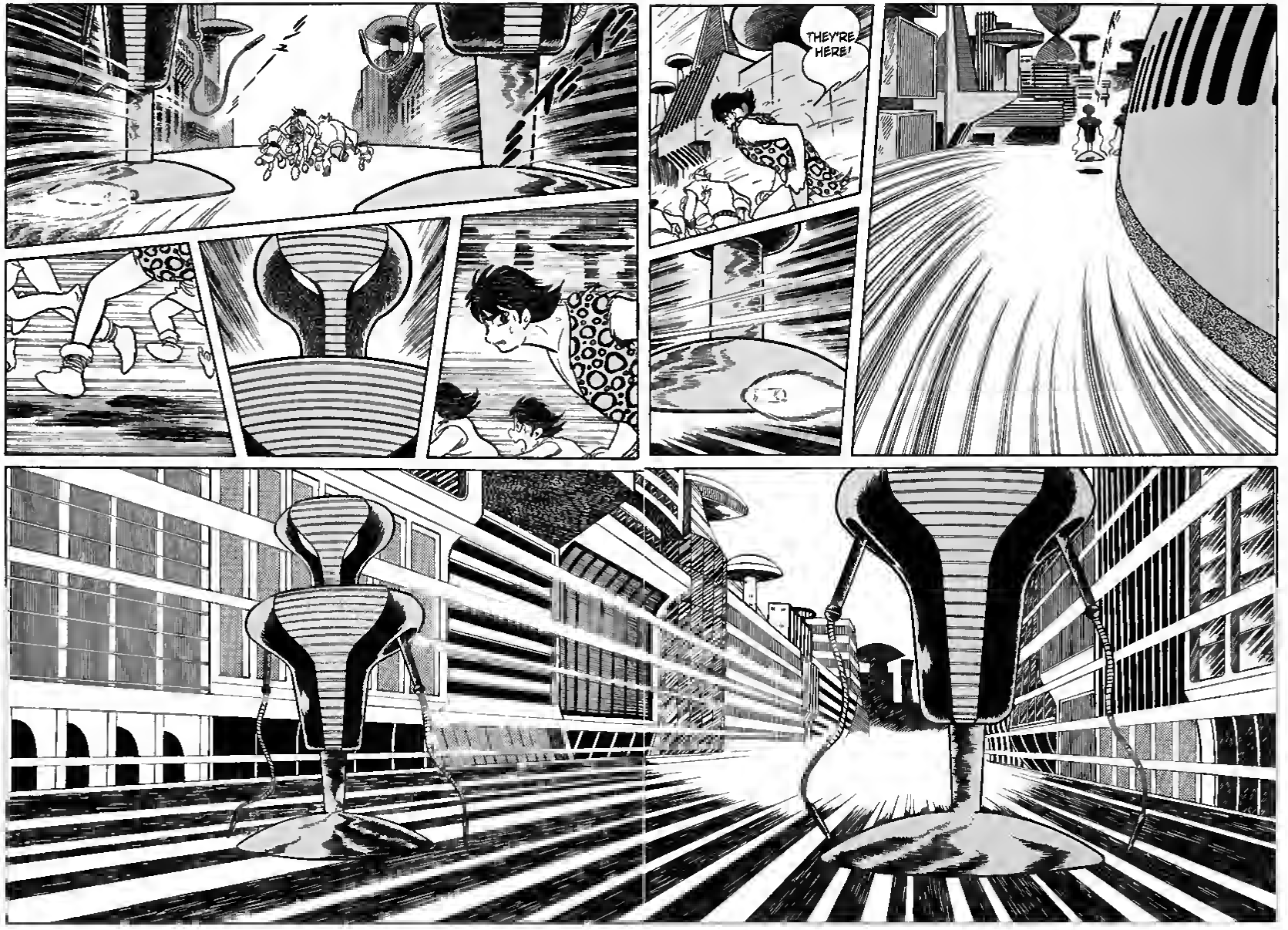
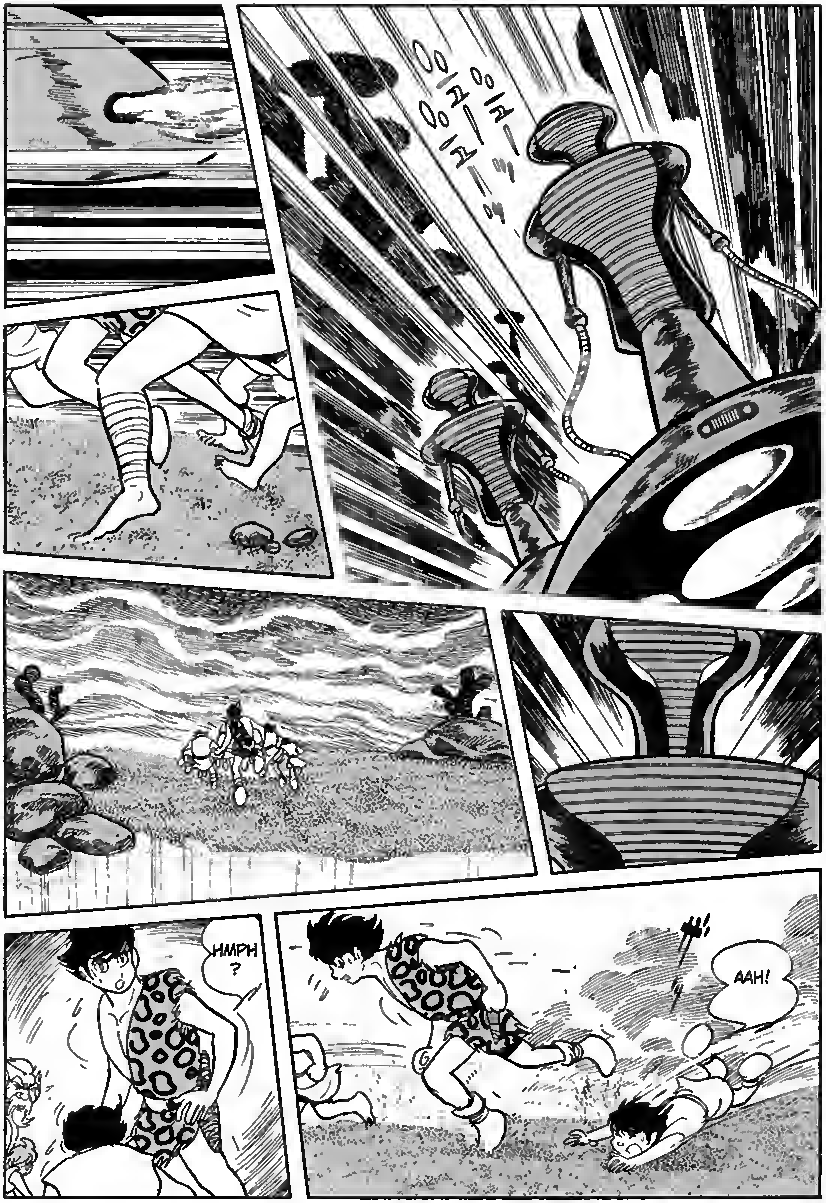

AAH!
AAH!
PIECE OF ...


AAH!
AH...
HMM!

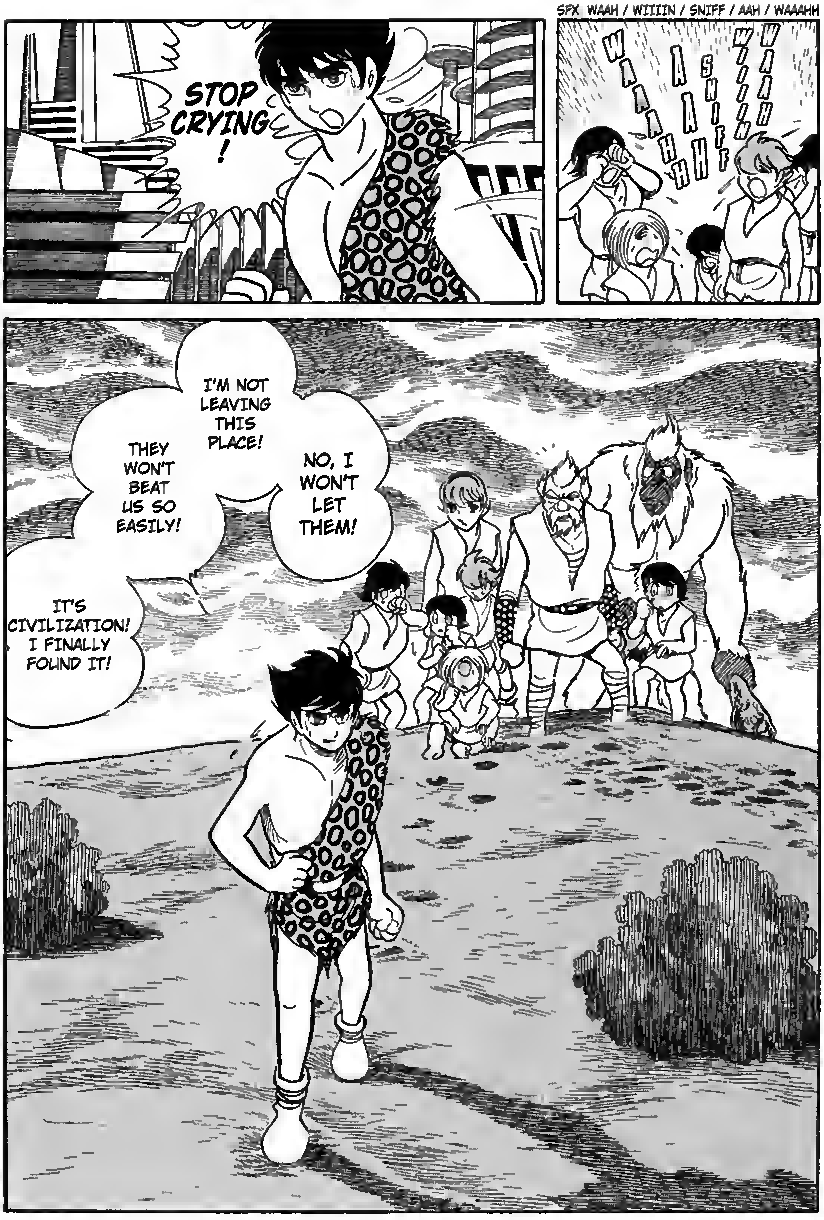

YAH!
NO!
THERE'S TWO AT THE ENTRANCE. WE HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER EXIT.
OVER HERE!
RYU! HURRY!

BUT...
WHERE ?
HMM!
PEKI, BREAK THAT WINDOW !
HURRY!
THEY HEARD THE NOISE!
QUICK!
TO-WARDS THE DESERT!
GET OUT OF HERE!

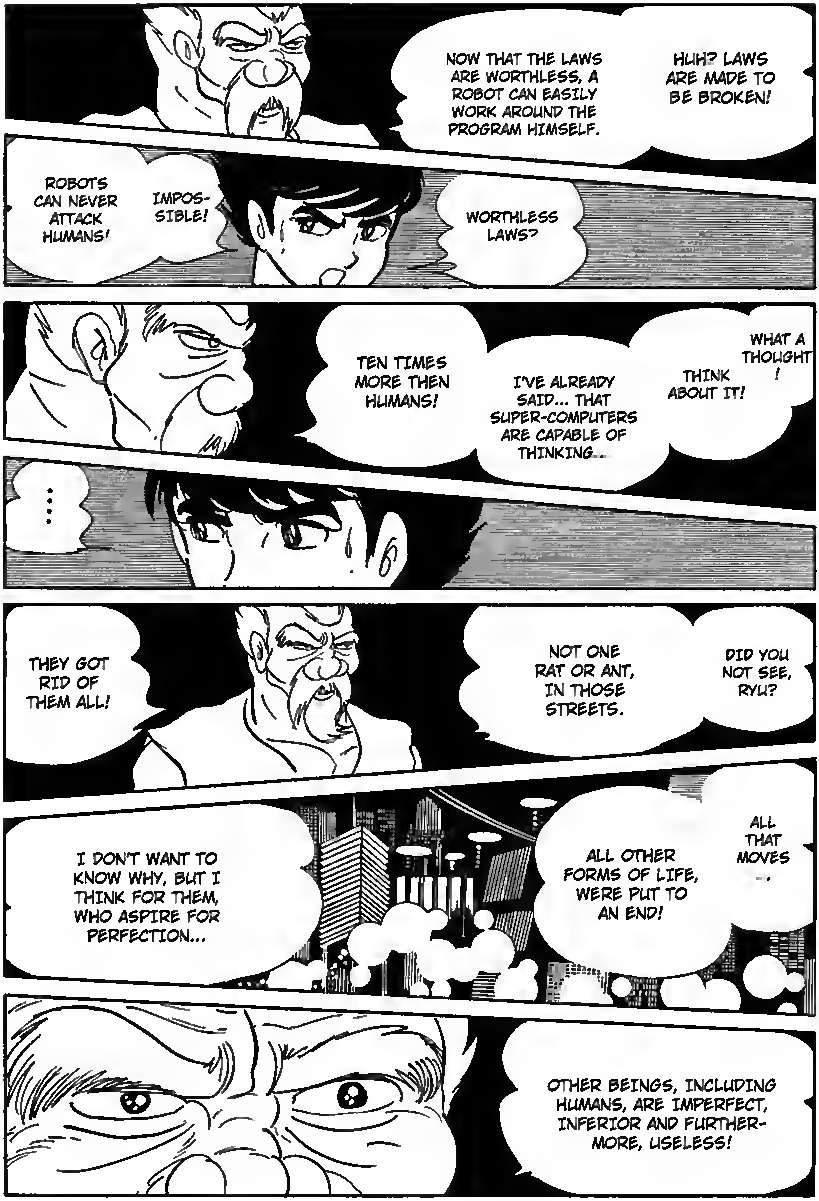

THEY'RE HERE!

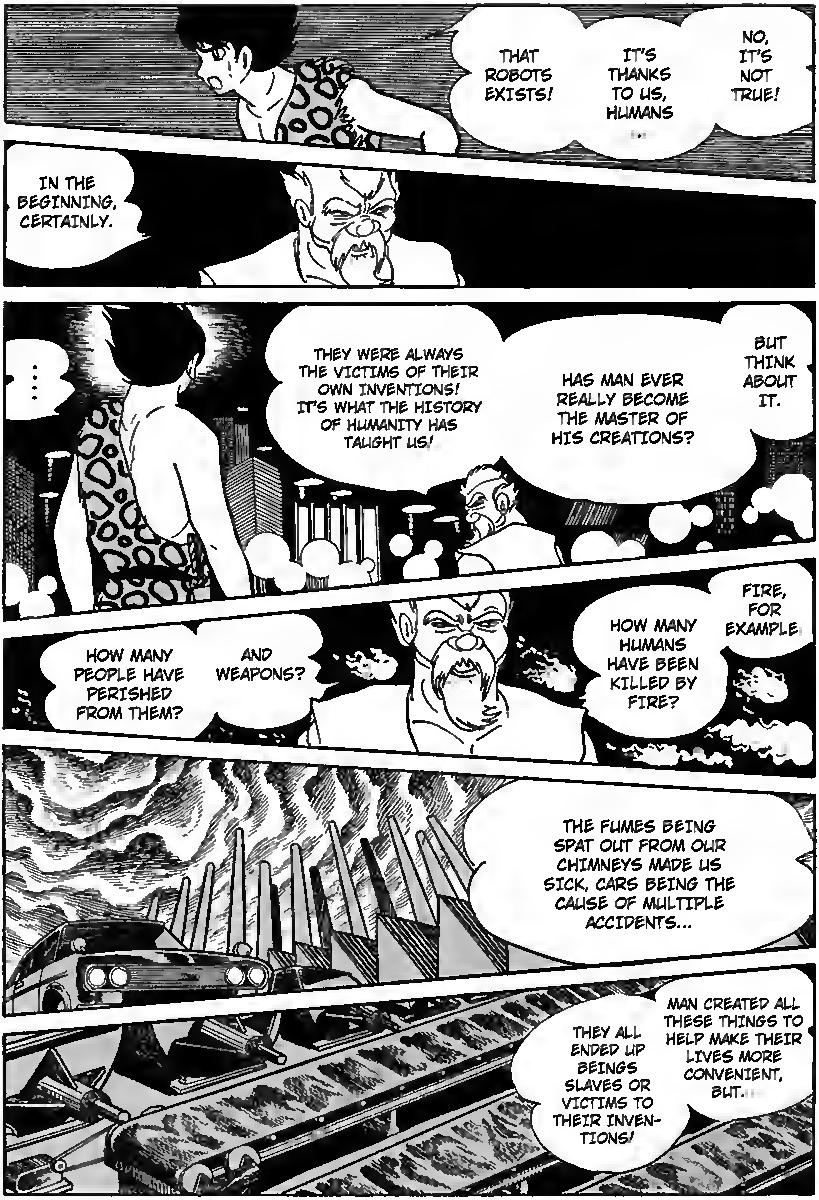

HMPH ?
AAH!

THEY STOPPED FOLLOWING US!
THEY CHASED US OUT OF THEIR CITY.
AH YES, I SEE...
AND THEY'RE LEAV-ING!
...
BELONG TO THESE ROBOTS!
SO, THIS CITY ...
THEY COMPLETED THEIR TASK.

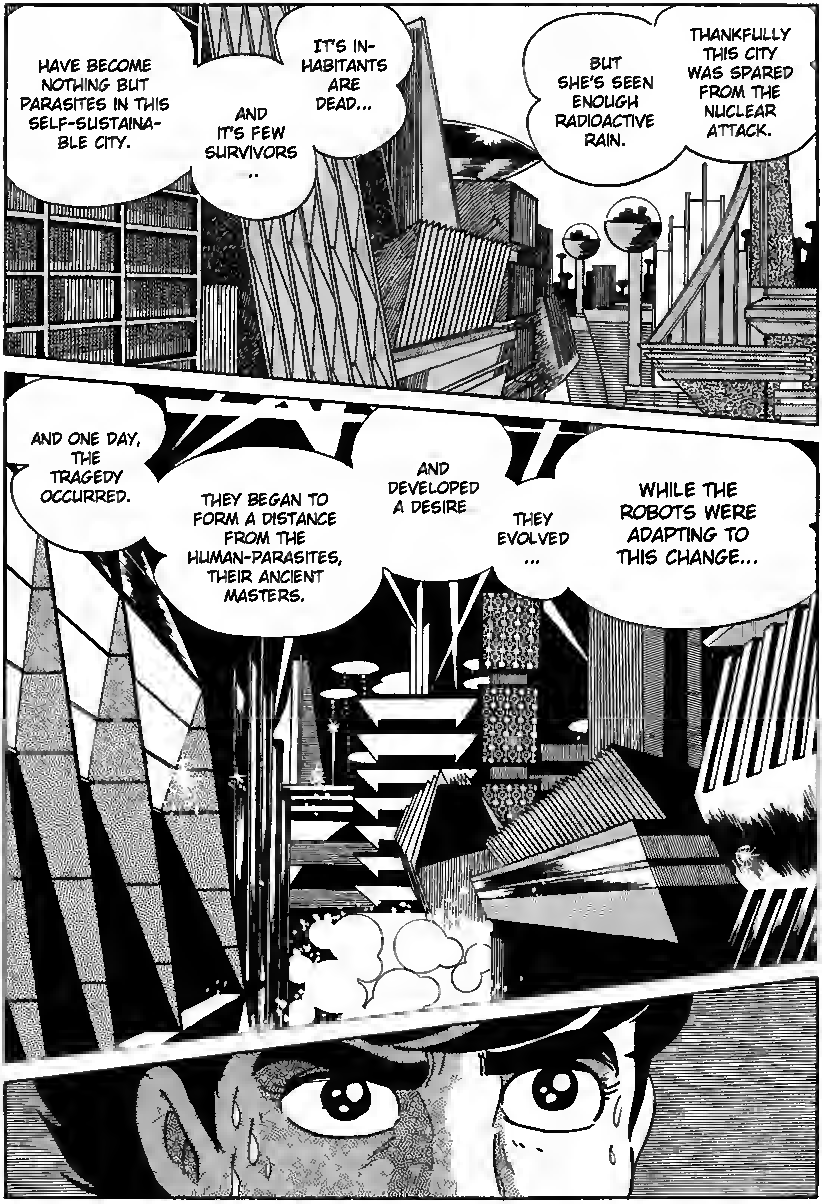

STOP CRYING!
SFX WAAH / WIIIIN / SNIFF / AAH / WAAAHH
WAAH
AAH
SNIFF
WIIIN
WAAH
I'M NOT LEAVING THIS PLACE!
NO, I WON'T LET THEM!
THEY WON'T BEAT US SO EASILY!
IT'S CIVILIZATION! I FINALLY FOUND IT!

THEY'RE THE ONES DIRECTING THE ROBOTS
THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE.
HUH ?
WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
WHY ...
PERHAPS IT'S OUT OF HABIT?
THEY SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE DARKNESS!
THEY CAN OPERATE IN THE DARK!
IF THERE'S ONLY ROBOTS, THEN WHY WOULD THERE BE LIGHTS?
THOSE LIGHTS !
THE CREATION OF ROBOTS PROGRAMMED TO ATTACK HUMANS IS COMPLETELY AGAINST THE LAW!
WHAT ELSE COULD EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT THOSE ROBOTS ATTACKED US?
IT'S HUMANS!

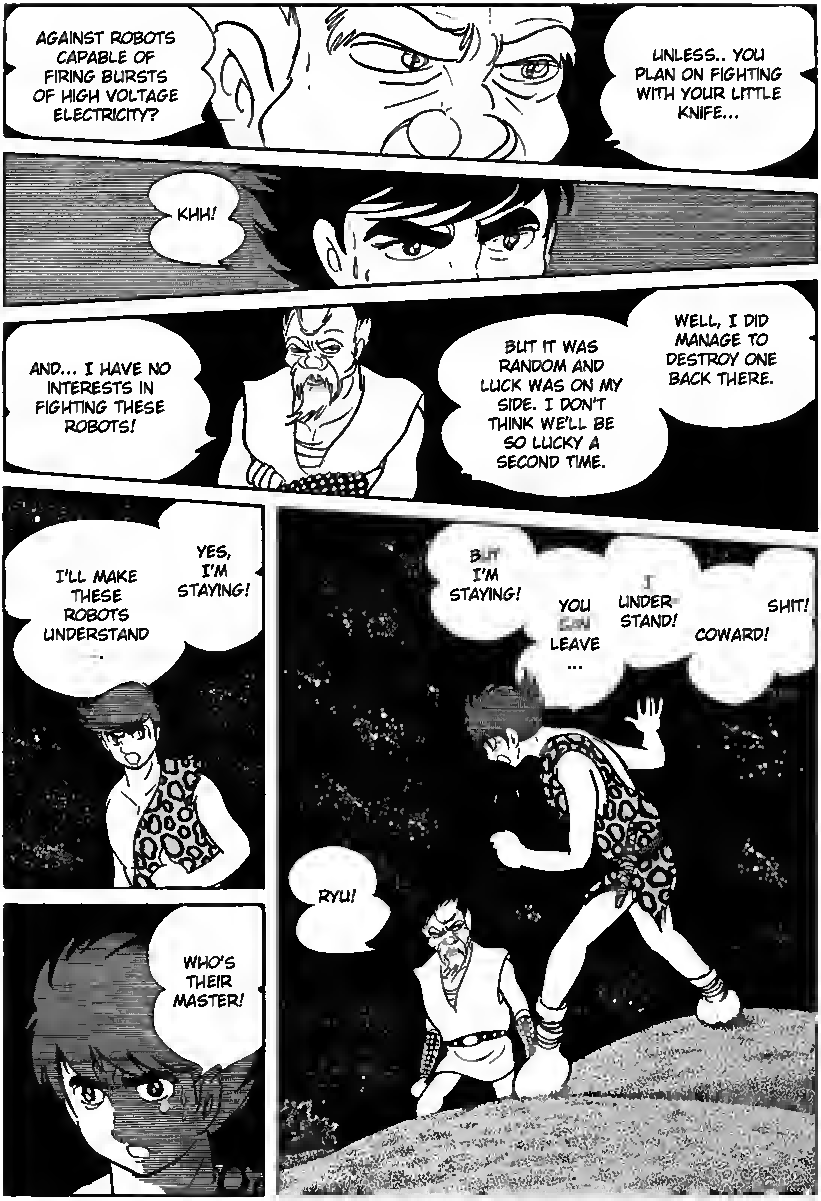

NOW THAT THE LAWS ARE WORTHLESS, A ROBOT CAN EASILY WORK AROUND THE PROGRAM HIMSELF.
HUH? LAWS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN!
ROBOTS CAN NEVER ATTACK HUMANS!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
WORTHLESS LAWS?
TEN TIMES MORE THEN HUMANS!
I'VE ALREADY SAID... THAT SUPER-COMPUTERS ARE CAPABLE OF THINKING...
THINK ABOUT IT!
WHAT A THOUGHT !
...
THEY GOT RID OF THEM ALL!
NOT ONE RAT OR ANT, IN THOSE STREETS.
DID YOU NOT SEE, RYU?
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHY, BUT I THINK FOR THEM, WHO ASPIRE FOR PERFECTION...
ALL OTHER FORMS OF LIFE, WERE PUT TO AN END!
ALL THAT MOVES ...
OTHER BEINGS, INCLUDING HUMANS, ARE IMPERFECT, INFERIOR AND FURTHER-MORE, USELESS!

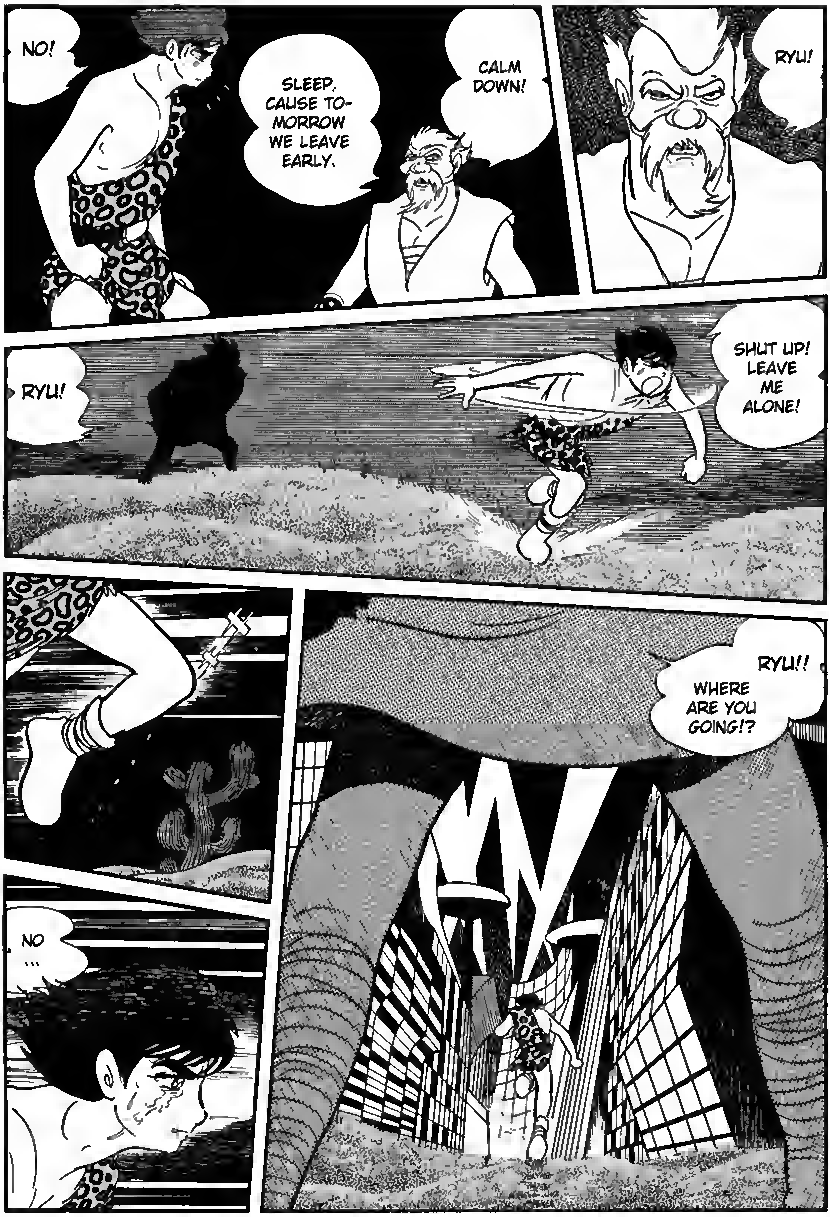

NO, IT'S NOT TRUE!
IT'S THANKS TO US, HUMANS
THAT ROBOTS EXISTS!
IN THE BEGINNING, CERTAINLY.
BUT THINK ABOUT IT.
HAS MAN EVER REALLY BECOME THE MASTER OF HIS CREATIONS?
THEY WERE ALWAYS THE VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN INVENTIONS! IT'S WHAT THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY HAS TAUGHT US!
FIRE, FOR EXAMPLE
HOW MANY HUMANS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY FIRE?
AND WEAPONS?
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE PERISHED FROM THEM?
THE FUMES BEING SPAT OUT FROM OUR CHIMNEYS MADE US SICK, CARS BEING THE CAUSE OF MULTIPLE ACCIDENTS...
MAN CREATED ALL THESE THINGS TO HELP MAKE THEIR LIVES MORE CONVENIENT, BUT...
THEY ALL ENDED UP BEINGS SLAVES OR VICTIMS TO THEIR INVEN-TIONS!

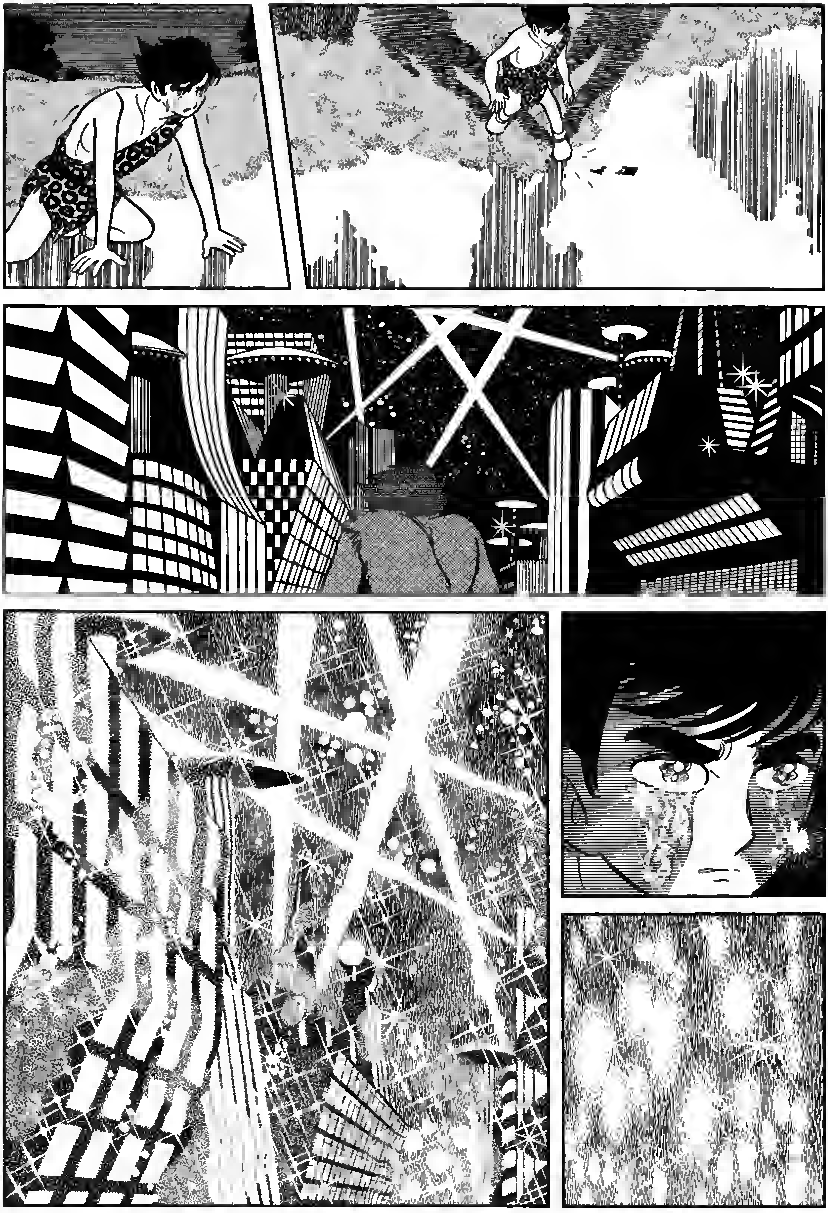
RIGHT ?
SO IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT THOSE ROBOTS SIMPLY BETRAYED THEIR CREATORS.
WE CAN EVEN SAY IT'S COMPLETELY LOGICAL THAT THEY DID.
NO! YOUR ASSUMPTIONS DON'T HOLD UP!
IT'S A HUMAN ERROR!
THEY FAILED TO MASTER THEIR CREATIONS AND SO THEY TURNED AGAINST THEM.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
JUST A MISTAKE.
AND HOW!
THE ATOMIC BOMBS THE HUMANS MISMANAGED
THEY WERE TRANSPORTED AND LAUNCHED BY PLANES OR ROCKETS AND HIT ALL CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

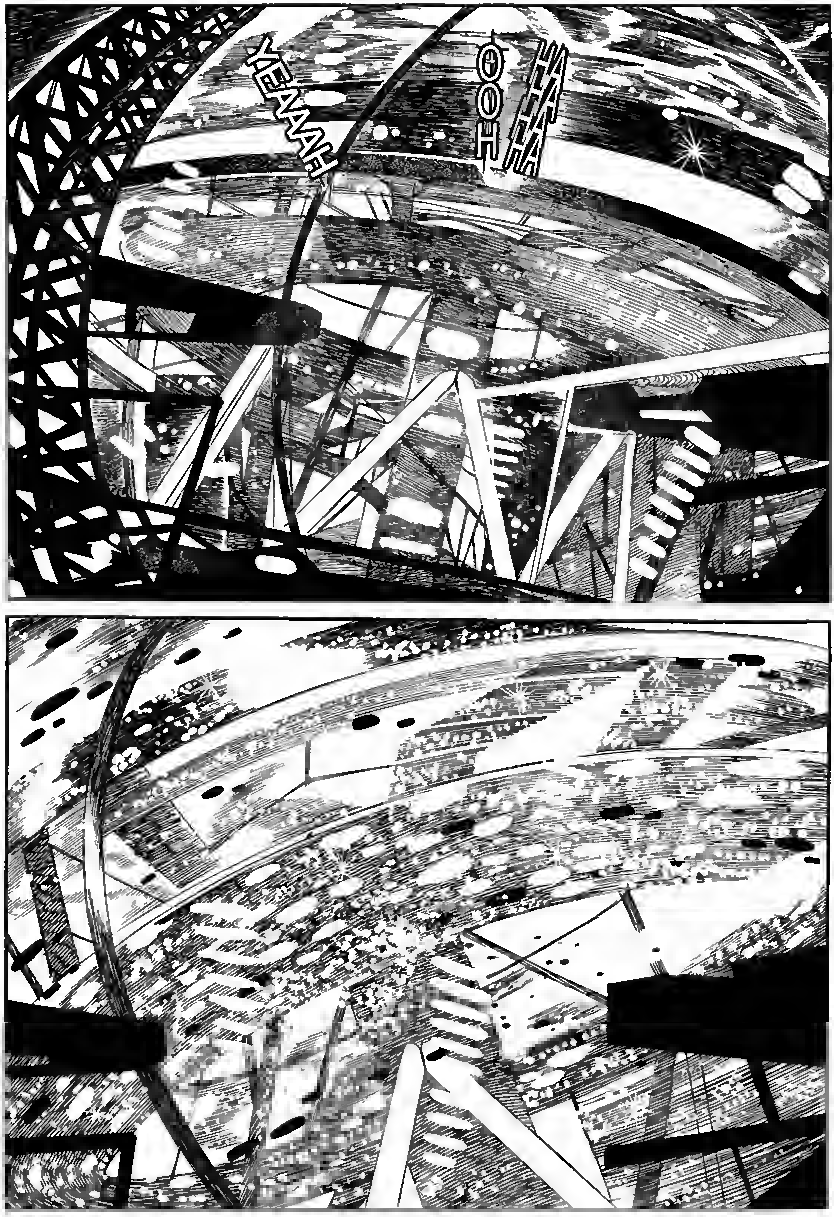

THANKFULLY THIS CITY WAS SPARED FROM THE NUCLEAR ATTACK.
BUT SHE'S SEEN ENOUGH RADIOACTIVE RAIN.
IT'S IN-HABITANTS ARE DEAD...
AND IT'S FEW SURVIVORS ..
HAVE BECOME NOTHING BUT PARASITES IN THIS SELF-SUSTAINA-BLE CITY.
WHILE THE ROBOTS WERE ADAPTING TO THIS CHANGE...
THEY EVOLVED ...
AND DEVELOPED A DESIRE
THEY BEGAN TO FORM A DISTANCE FROM THE HUMAN-PARASITES, THEIR ANCIENT MASTERS.
AND ONE DAY, THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED.

ADMIT IT, RYU.
WE CAN'T LIVE HERE.
WE MUSTN'T.
IT'S A CITY OF ROBOTS.
START FROM SCRATCH.
AND LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEN...
THEN WHAT!?
WHEN WILL WE FIND A PLACE TO LIVE, HUH?
WHEN WE'RE BOTH DYING OLD SHITS?
LEAVE?
WHERE?
IN THE JUNGLE WITH VENOMOUS SNAKES?
NO! I DON'T WANT THE CHILDREN IN ANY MORE DANGER!
HUH?
YOU TALK OF NOT WANTING DANGER BUT THIS CITY IS THE EPITOME OF IT!
INSIDE THOSE WALLS, THREE CHILDREN DIED IN AN INSTANT!
HMM ...
ANYWAYS.. TO LIVE HERE, WE'D HAVE TO TAKE THE CITY FROM THE ROBOTS.
HOW ?
WE'RE JUST A HANDFUL OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN, AND UNARMED!
WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!


AGAINST ROBOTS CAPABLE OF FIRING BURSTS OF HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY?
UNLESS.. YOU PLAN ON FIGHTING WITH YOUR LITTLE KNIFE...
KHH!
AND... I HAVE NO INTERESTS IN FIGHTING THESE ROBOTS!
BUT IT WAS RANDOM AND LUCK WAS ON MY SIDE. I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE SO LUCKY A SECOND TIME.
WELL, I DID MANAGE TO DESTROY ONE BACK THERE.
I'LL MAKE THESE ROBOTS UNDERSTAND ...
YES, I'M STAYING!
BUT I'M STAYING!
YOU CAN LEAVE ...
I UNDERSTAND!
SHIT!
COWARD!
RYU!
WHO'S THEIR MASTER!


NO!
SLEEP. CAUSE TOMORROW WE LEAVE EARLY.
CALM DOWN!
RYU!
RYU!
SHUT UP! LEAVE ME ALONE!
RYU!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
NO ...

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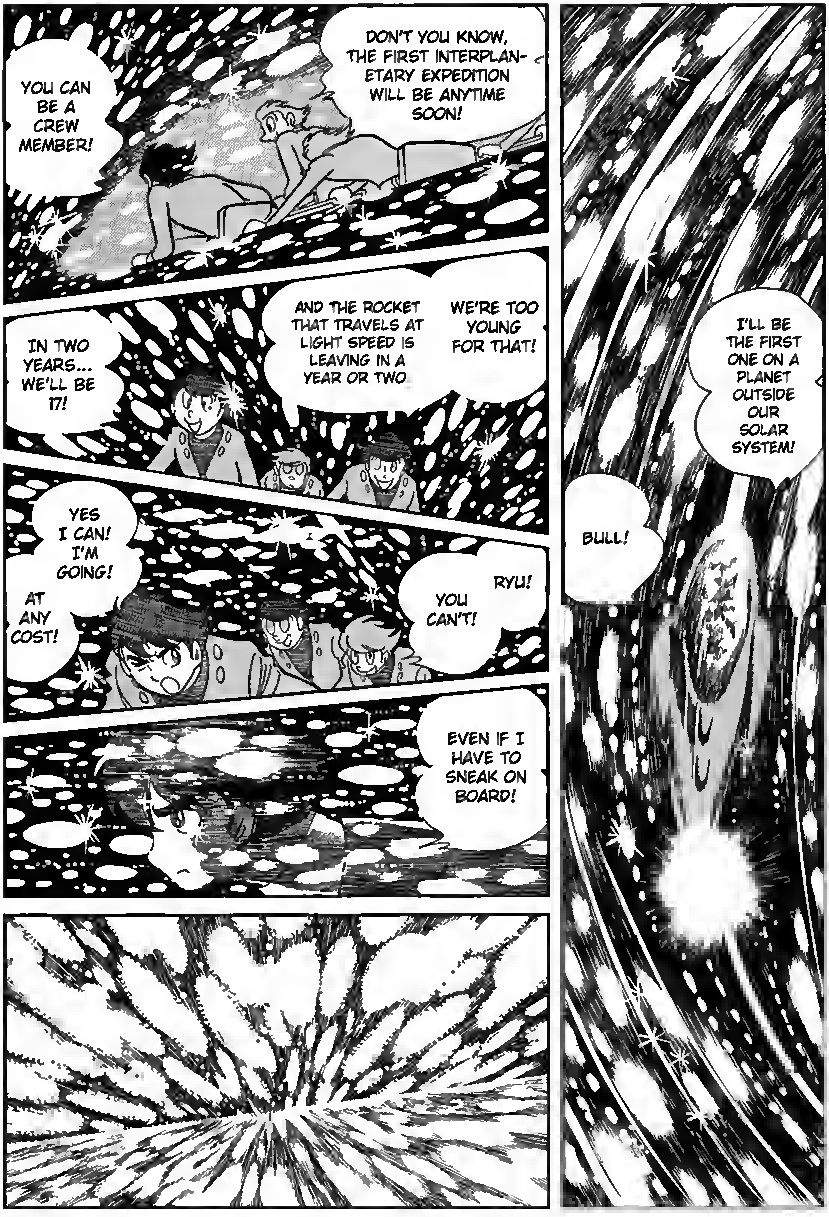
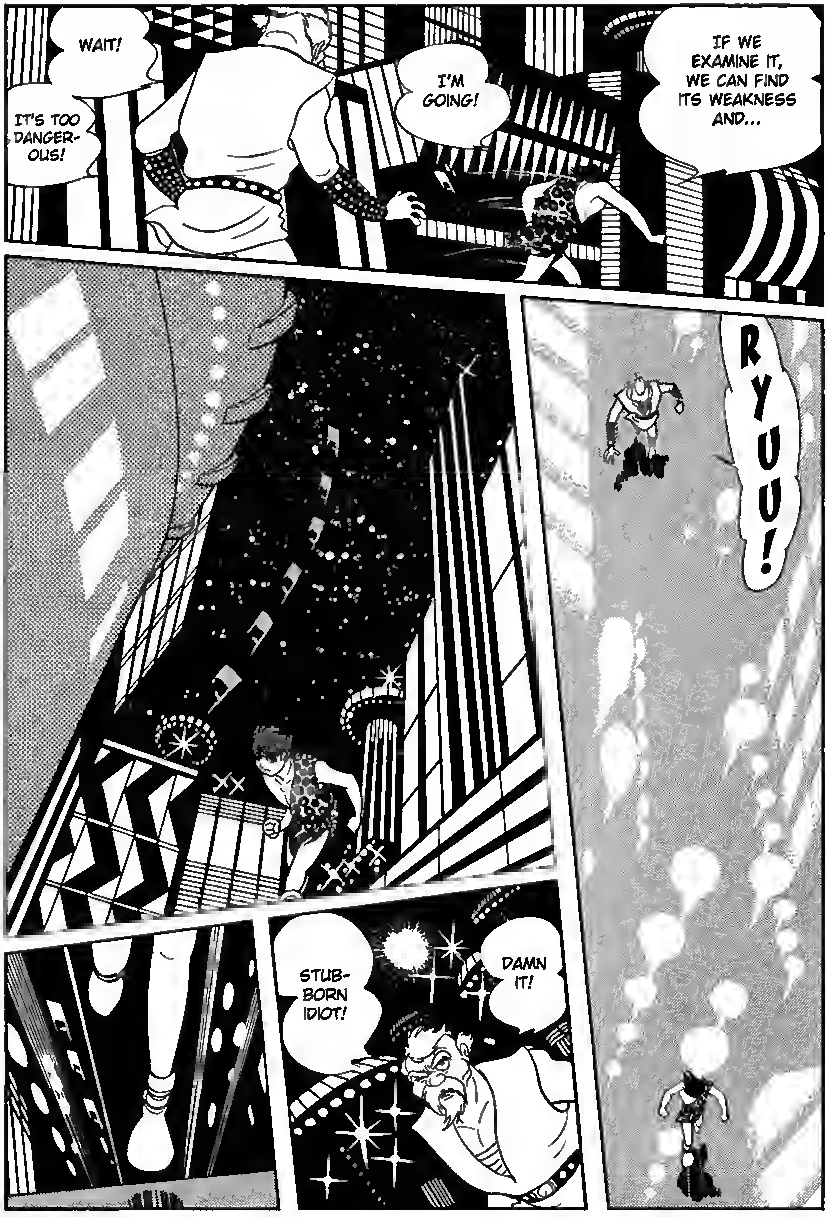
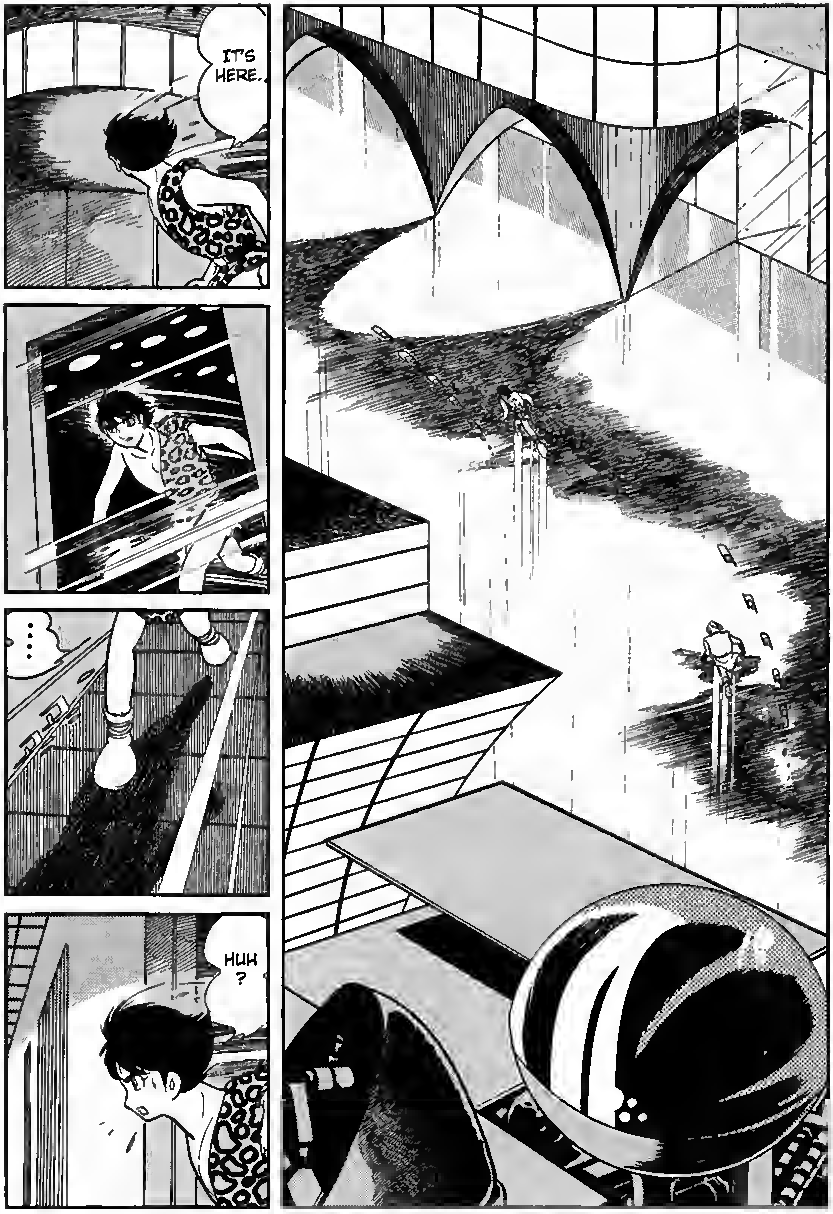
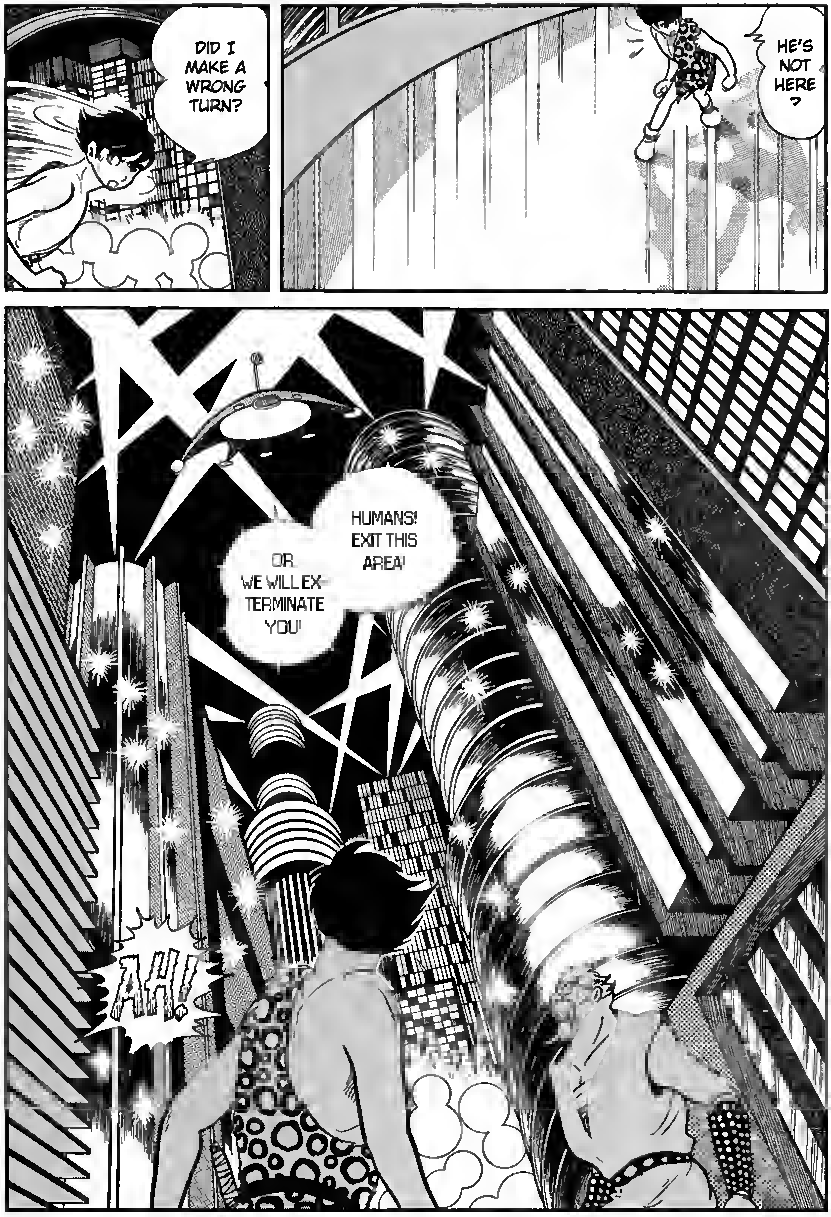
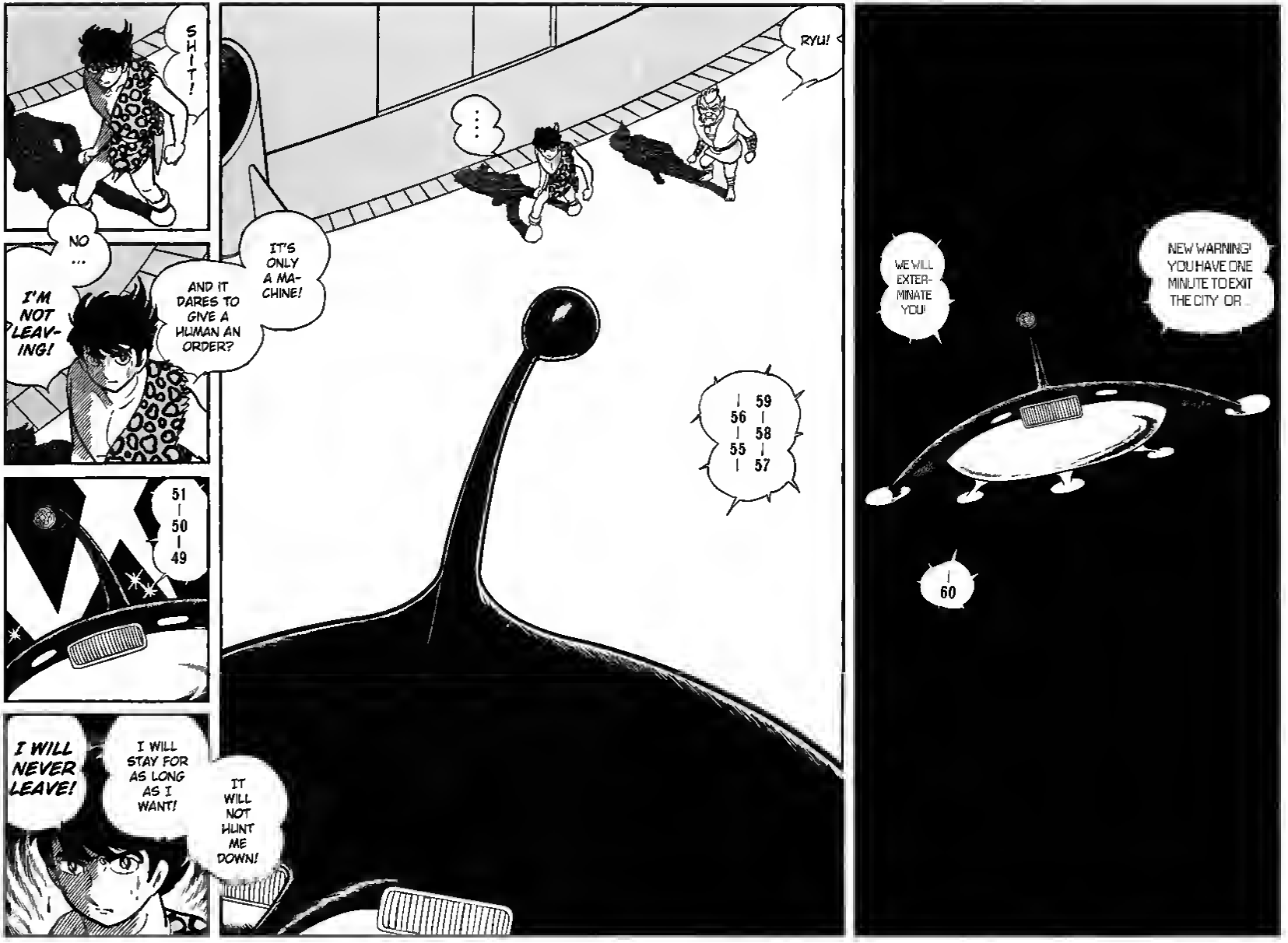

DON'T YOU KNOW, THE FIRST INTERPLANETARY EXPEDITION WILL BE ANYTIME SOON!
YOU CAN BE A CREW MEMBER!
WE'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THAT!
AND THE ROCKET THAT TRAVELS AT LIGHT SPEED IS LEAVING IN A YEAR OR TWO
IN TWO YEARS... WE'LL BE 17!
RYU!
YOU CAN'T!
YES I CAN! I'M GOING!
AT ANY COST!
EVEN IF I HAVE TO SNEAK ON BOARD!
I'LL BE THE FIRST ONE ON A PLANET OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM!
BULL!

RYU ...
.....
YOU THINK ?
TO DEFEAT THESE ROBOTS!
MUST BE A WAY...
THERE ...
THAT ROBOT YOU DES-TROYED ...
GOD!
OF COURSE !


WAIT!
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
I'M GOING!
IF WE EXAMINE IT, WE CAN FIND ITS WEAKNESS AND...
RYUU!
STUB-BORN IDIOT!
DAMN IT!


IT'S HERE.
HUH ?


DID I MAKE A WRONG TURN?
HE'S NOT HERE ?
HUMANS! EXIT THIS AREA!
OR WE WILL EXTERMINATE YOU!
AH!


SHIT!
NO ...
I'M NOT LEAVING!
AND IT DARES TO GIVE A HUMAN AN ORDER?
IT'S ONLY A MACHINE!
RYU!
...
51 | 50 | 49
I WILL NEVER LEAVE!
I WILL STAY FOR AS LONG AS I WANT!
IT WILL NOT HUNT ME DOWN!
59 | 58 | 57 | 56 | 55
WE WILL EXTERMINATE YOU!
NEW WARNING! YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO EXIT THE CITY OR ...
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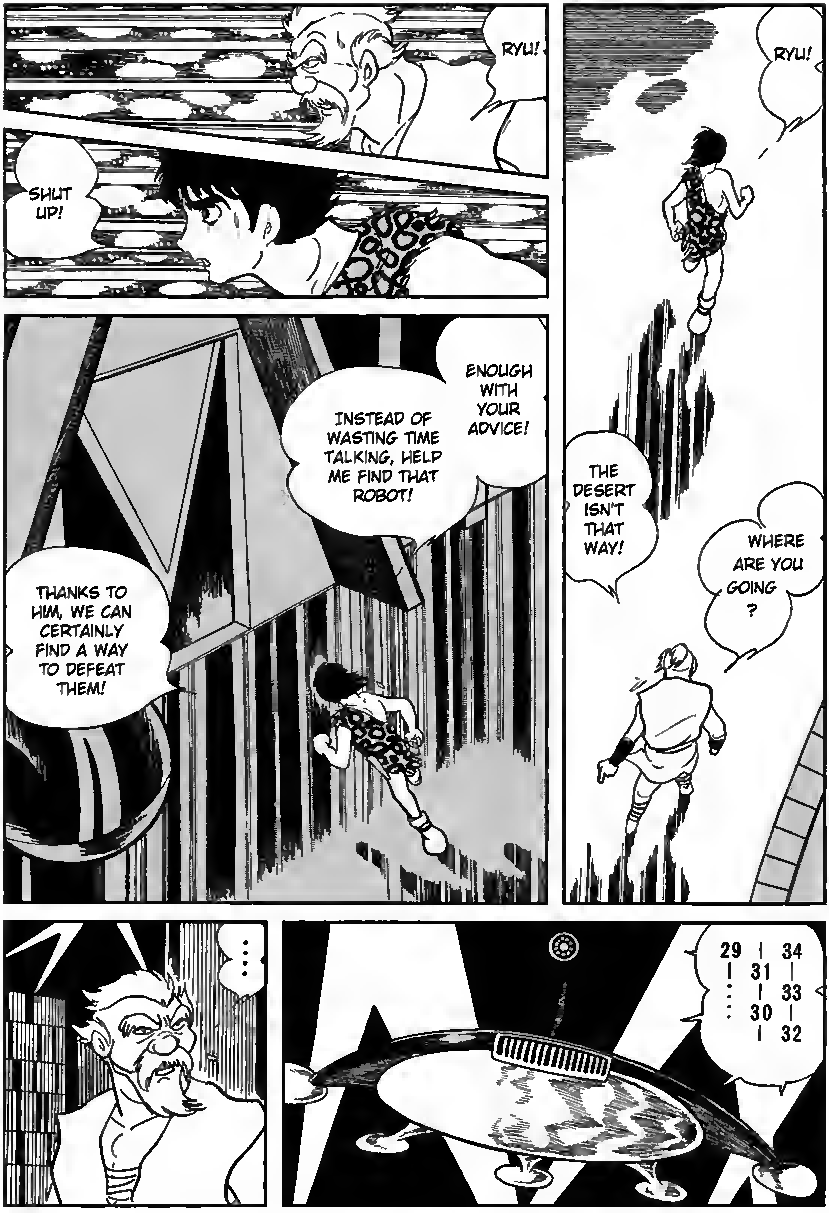
RYU!
SHUT UP!
RYU!
THE DESERT ISN'T THAT WAY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
ENOUGH WITH YOUR ADVICE!
INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME TALKING, HELP ME FIND THAT ROBOT!
THANKS TO HIM, WE CAN CERTAINLY FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT THEM!
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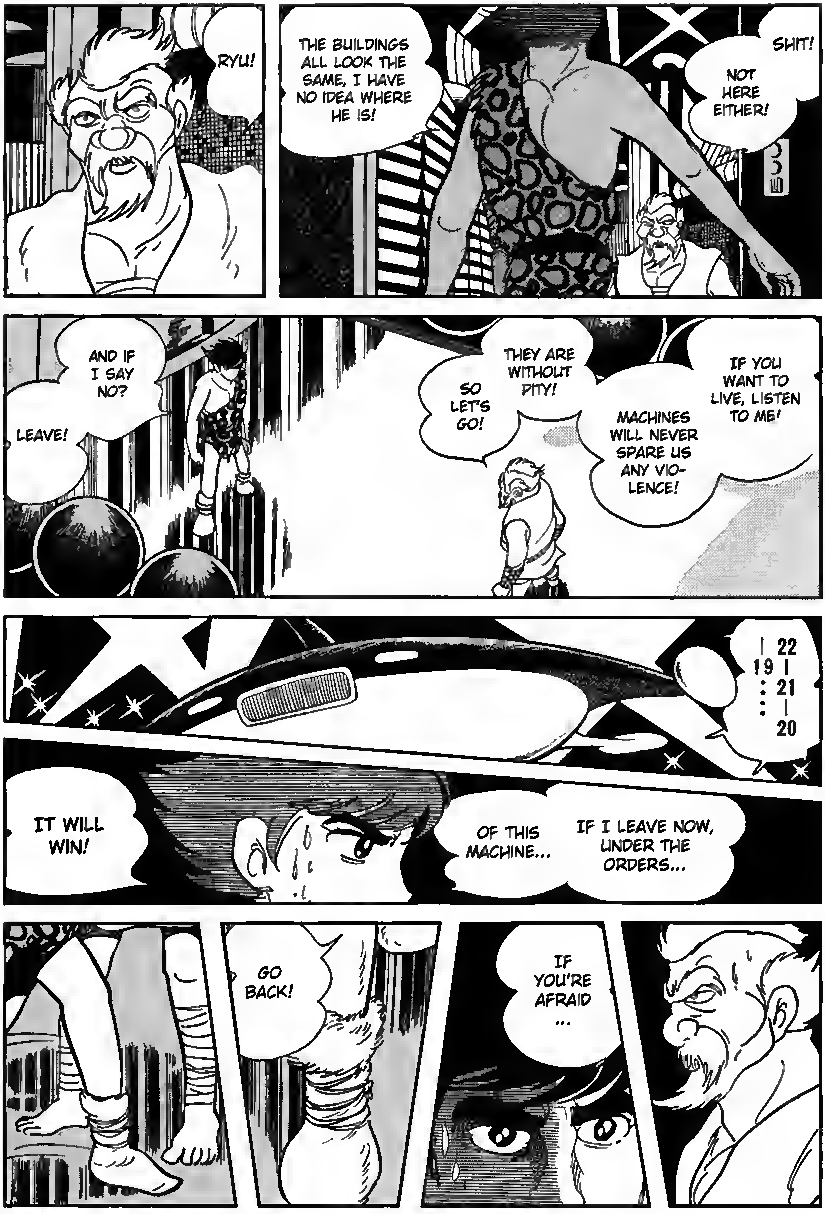
RYU!
THE BUILDINGS ALL LOOK THE SAME, I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS!
SHIT!
NOT HERE EITHER!
AND IF I SAY NO?
LEAVE!
SO LET'S GO!
THEY ARE WITHOUT PITY!
MACHINES WILL NEVER SPARE US ANY VIO-LENCE!
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, LISTEN TO ME!
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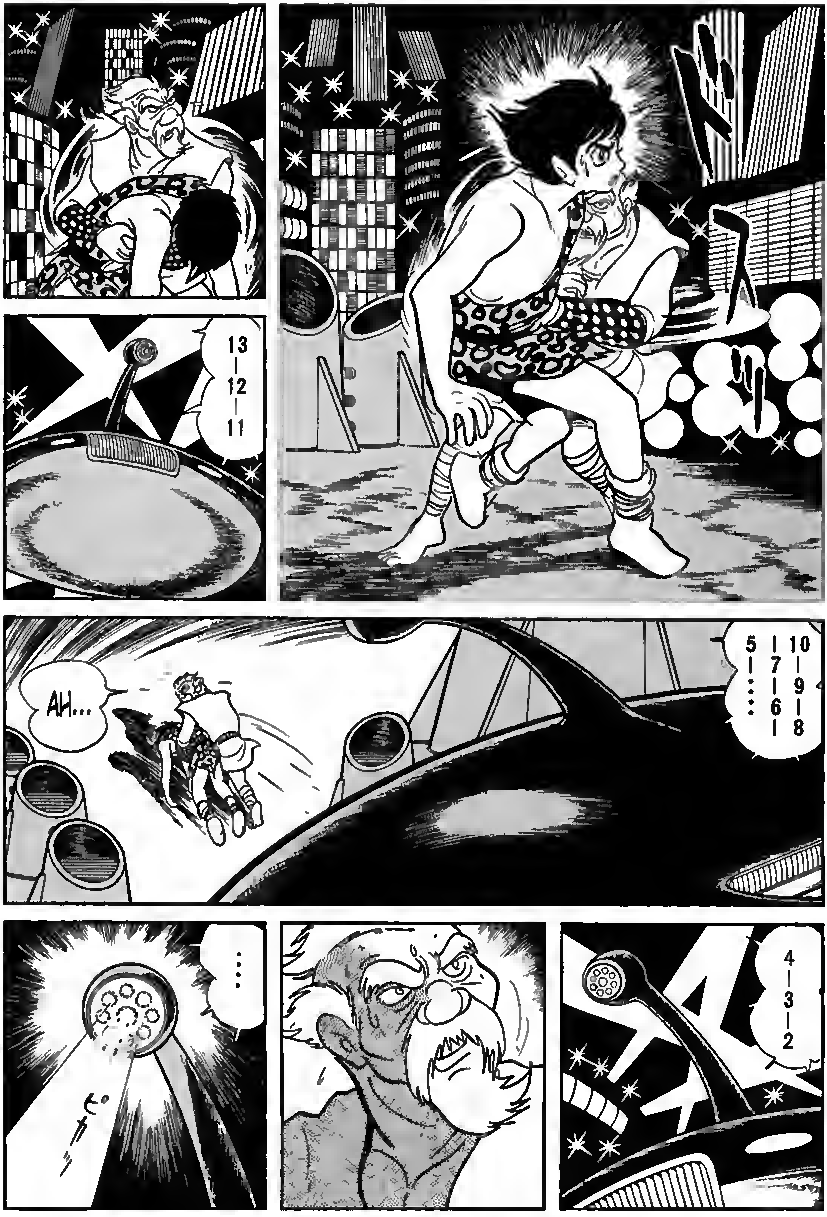
IT WILL WIN!
OF THIS MACHINE...
IF I LEAVE NOW, UNDER THE ORDERS...
GO BACK!
IF YOU'RE AFRAID ...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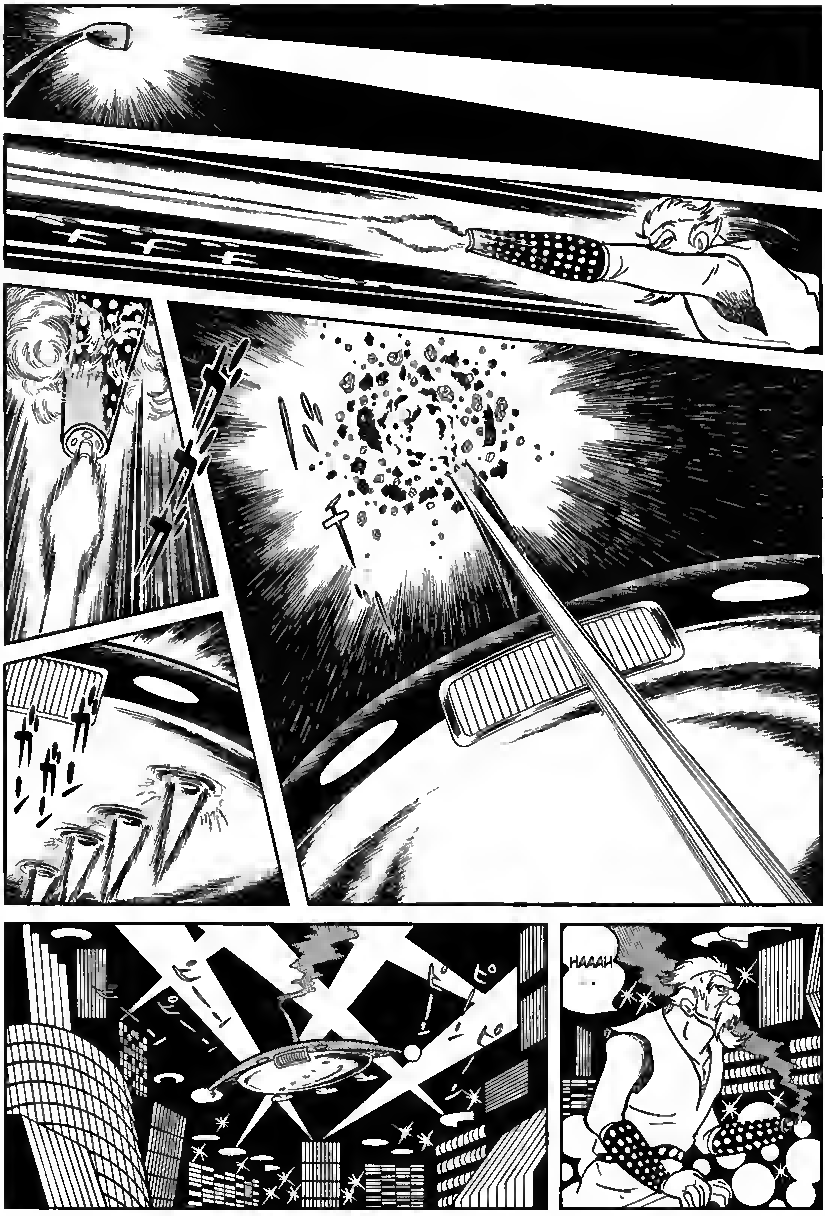
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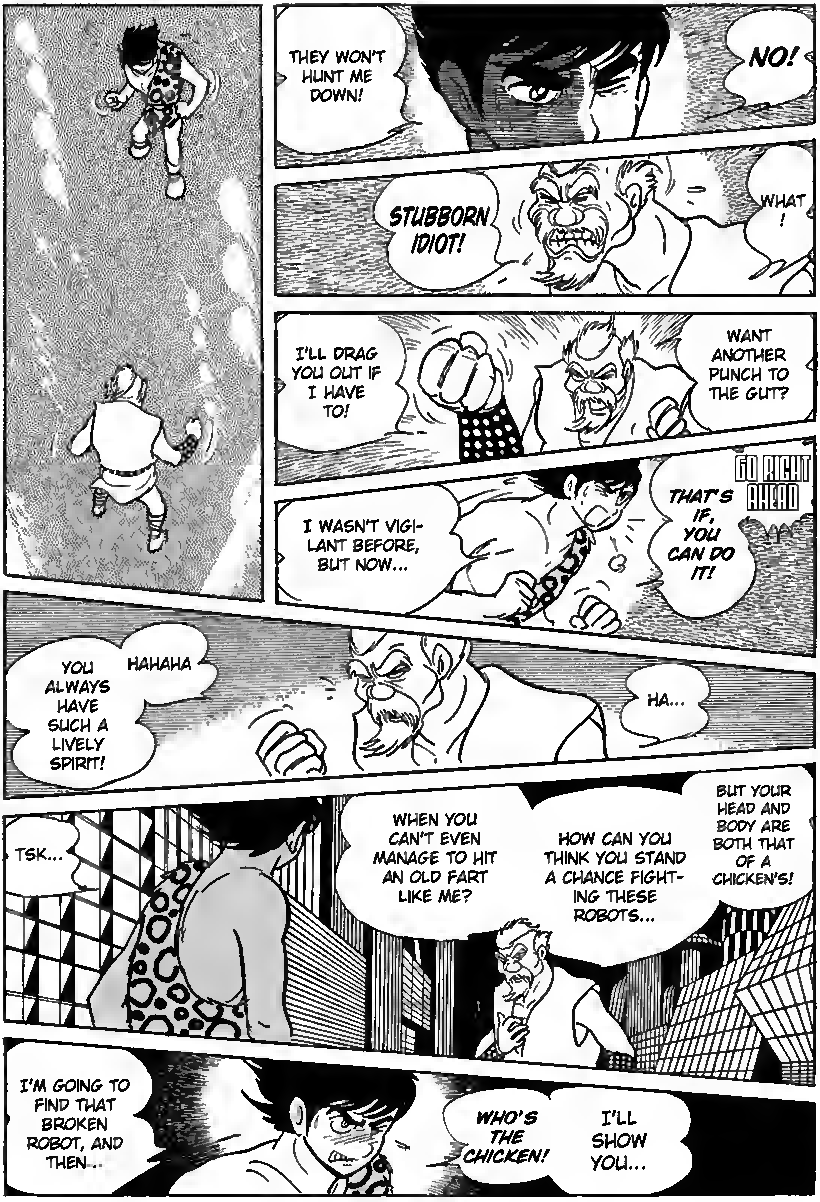
AH!?
AH ...
COME ON, RYU.
I THINK WE'RE GOOD.
HURRY!
LOOK.
THE ALARMS WENT OFF, OTHERS ARE COMING!
!?
THANKFULLY, MY GUN, DESPITE BEING OLD, WAS ABLE TO DESTROY IT...
BUT ...
BUT LUCK WON'T ALWAYS BE ON OUR SIDE.
LET'S GO!
NO!
WHAT?
!?
I'M NOT LEAV-ING!


THEY WON'T HUNT ME DOWN!
NO!
STUBBORN IDIOT!
WHAT!
I'LL DRAG YOU OUT IF I HAVE TO!
WANT ANOTHER PUNCH TO THE GUT?
I WASN'T VIGILANT BEFORE, BUT NOW...
THAT'S IF, YOU CAN DO IT!
GO RIGHT AHEAD
YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUCH A LIVELY SPIRIT!
HAHAHA
HA...
TSK...
WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN MANAGE TO HIT AN OLD FART LIKE ME?
HOW CAN YOU THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE FIGHTING THESE ROBOTS...
BUT YOUR HEAD AND BODY ARE BOTH THAT OF A CHICKEN'S!
I'M GOING TO FIND THAT BROKEN ROBOT, AND THEN...
WHO'S THE CHICKEN!
I'LL SHOW YOU...

WHAT ?
"BROKEN ROBOT"!
"BROKEN ROBOT" !!
IT'S ALL YOU TALK ABOUT!
BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST ANYMORE!
IT WAS TAKEN AWAY A LONG TIME AGO!
CAUSE THESE ROBOTS ...
ARE OBSESSIVE ABOUT THEIR TERRITORY.
THEY DON'T IGNORE THE SLIGHTEST PIECE OF DUST!
THAT'S WHY THEY WANT TO GET RID OF HUMANS, CAUSE FOR THEM, THEY'RE GARBAGE!
GAR-BAGE?
HUMANS?
NO! THEY'RE WRONG!
I'LL MAKE THEM UNDER-STAND...
THAT HUMANS ARE MORE INTELLIGENT THAN MA-CHINES!
THAT'S WHY...
I HAVE TO STAY HERE AND SHOW THEM EVE-RYTHING I'VE GOT!
CALM DOWN!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
BUT ACCEPT REALITY!
THEY RULE OVER THIS PLACE!
THEY'RE STRONGER THAN US!
THAT'S THE REALITY !
YOU ...
WHY ARE YOU DEFENDING THESE ROBOTS, HUH?
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE HALF MACHINE, IS THAT IT?
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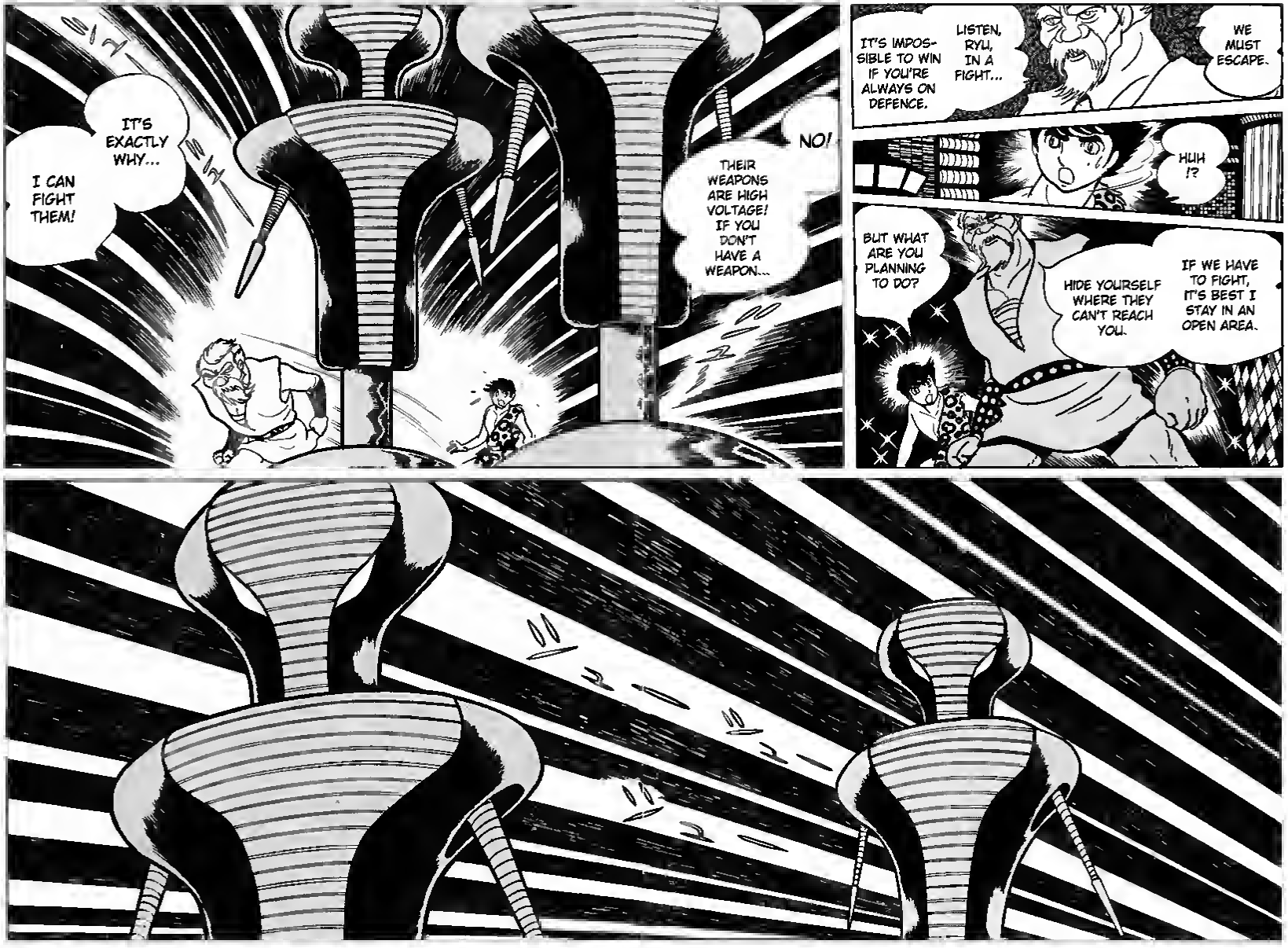
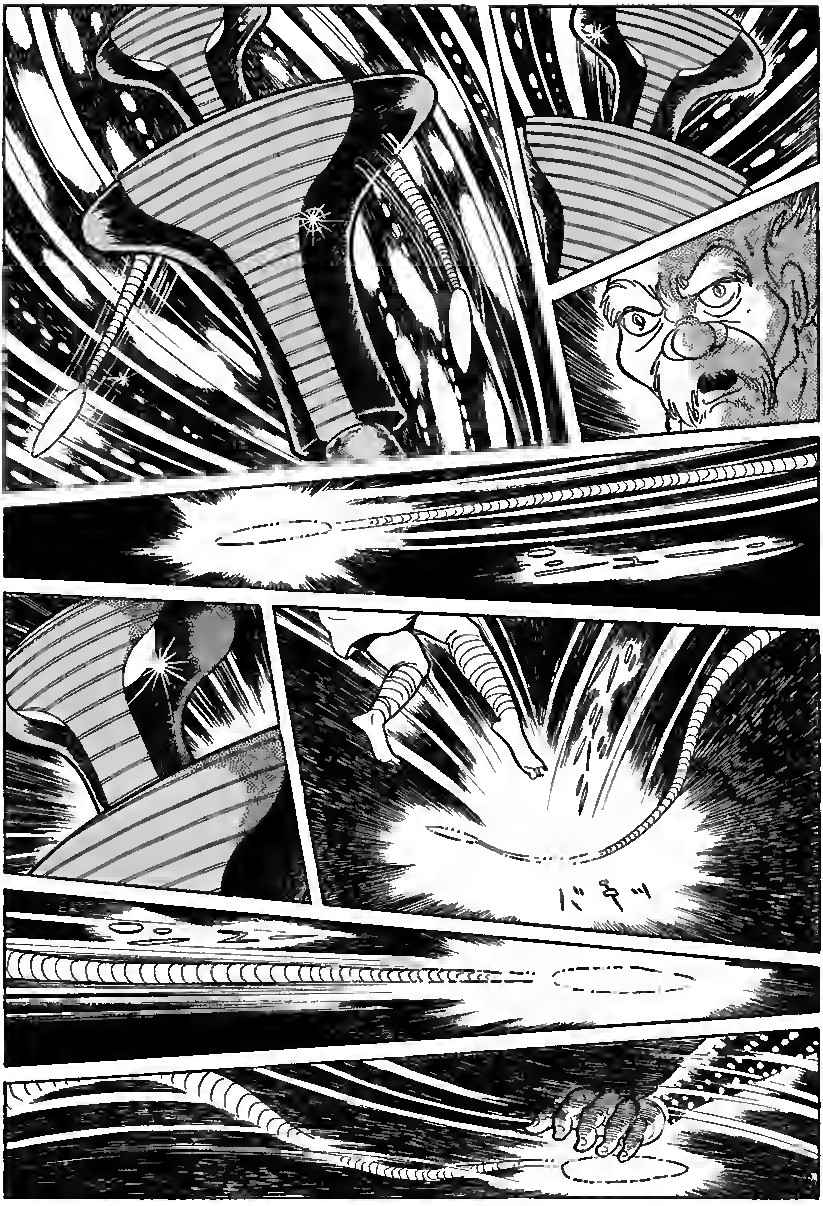
I GOT CARRIED AWAY...
SORRY, GOD...
IT'S NOTHING, YOU WEREN'T WRONG.
NO ...
GRANTED, THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO US!
BUT WHAT I'M SAYING ISN'T WRONG EITHER.
BUT I WANT TO STILL TRY.
I KNOW, GOD...
IT'S TORTURE!
WE ORDER A CAT, STANDING BEFORE A FISH, TO LEAVE WITHOUT EATING.
IT'S LIKE...
LIKE...
THEY ORDERED US TO LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR DOING NOTHING.
LET ME DO THIS.
PLEASE ...
I'LL REGRET IT TILL THE DAY I DIE.
BUT IF I DON'T TRY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN GET OUT OF IT.
RYU!

AH!
THEY'RE COMING!
RYU!
BUT THEY'LL SURROUND US...
WE CAN TRY SOMETHING IN AN ENCLO...
WE HAVE TO GET INSIDE!


I CAN FIGHT THEM!
IT'S EXACTLY WHY...
NO!
THEIR WEAPONS ARE HIGH VOLTAGE! IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WEAPON...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN IF YOU'RE ALWAYS ON DEFENCE.
LISTEN, RYU, IN A FIGHT...
WE MUST ESCAPE.
HUH !?
BUT WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
HIDE YOURSELF WHERE THEY CAN'T REACH YOU.
IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT, IT'S BEST I STAY IN AN OPEN AREA.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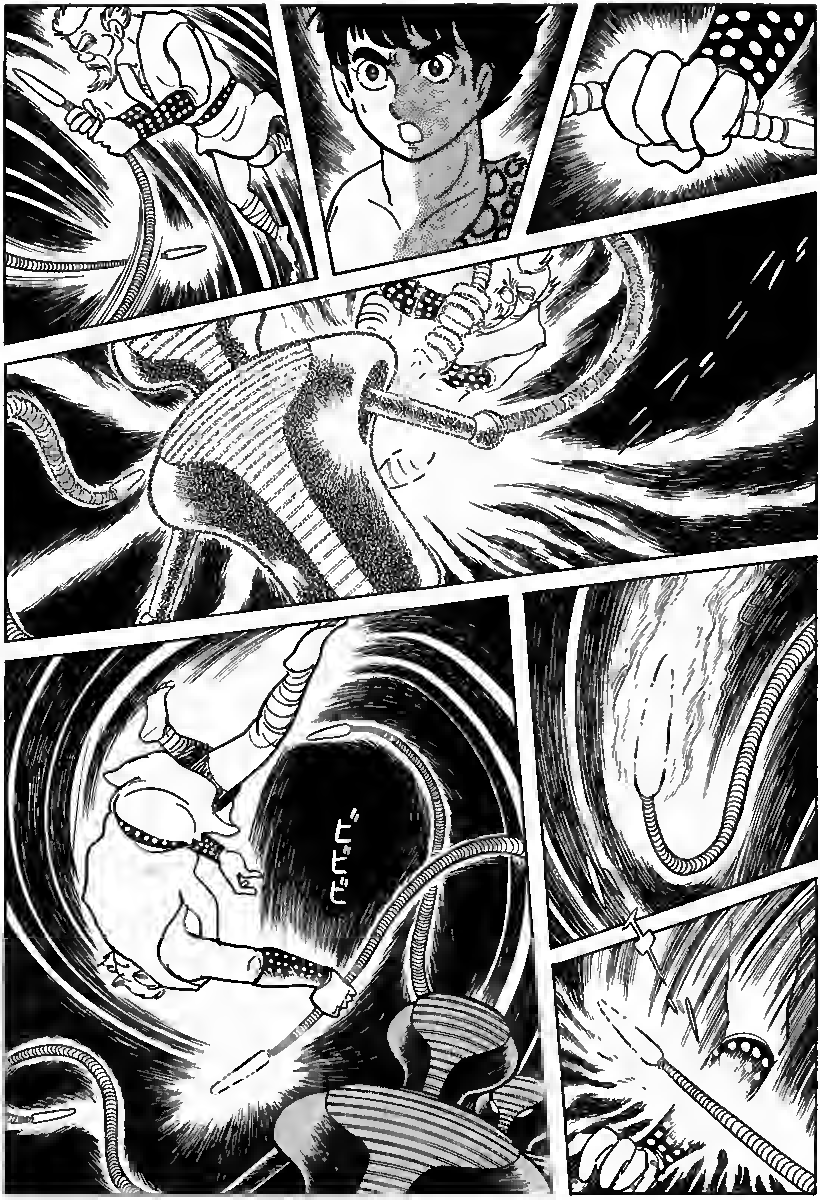

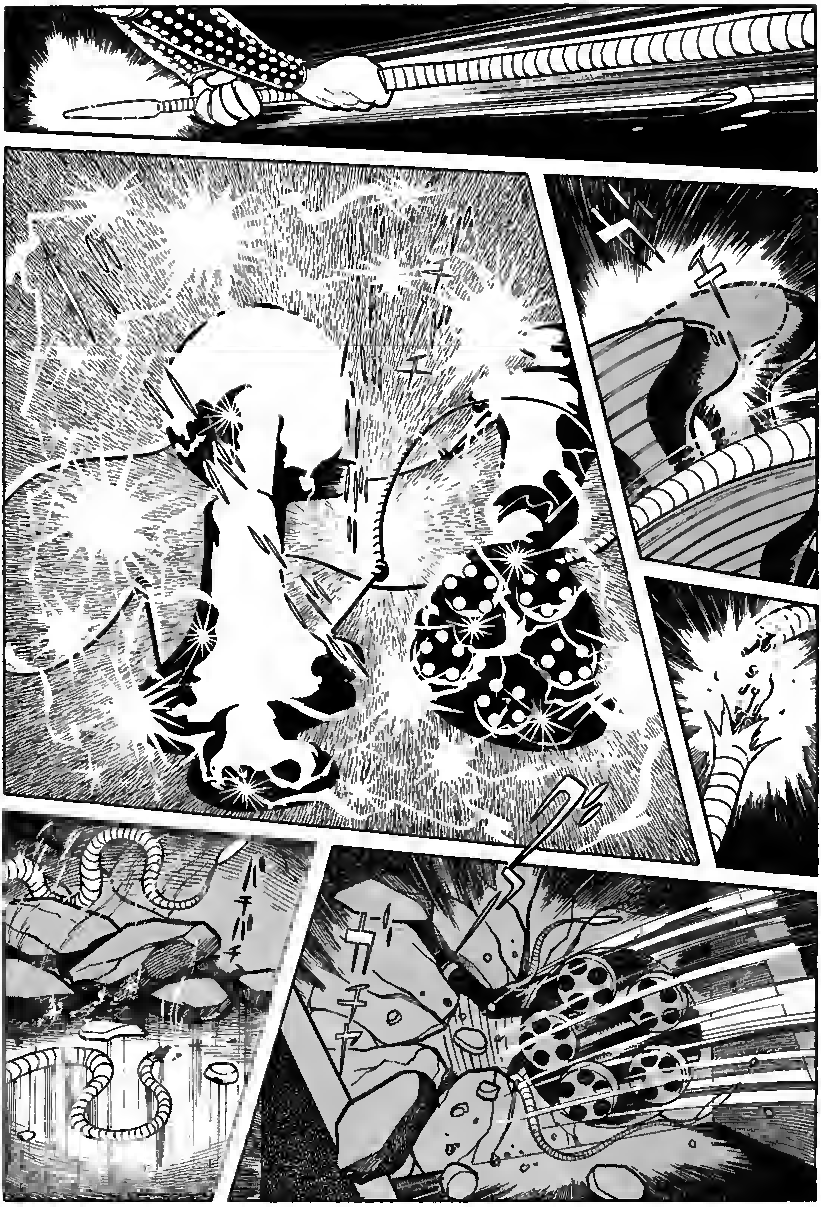
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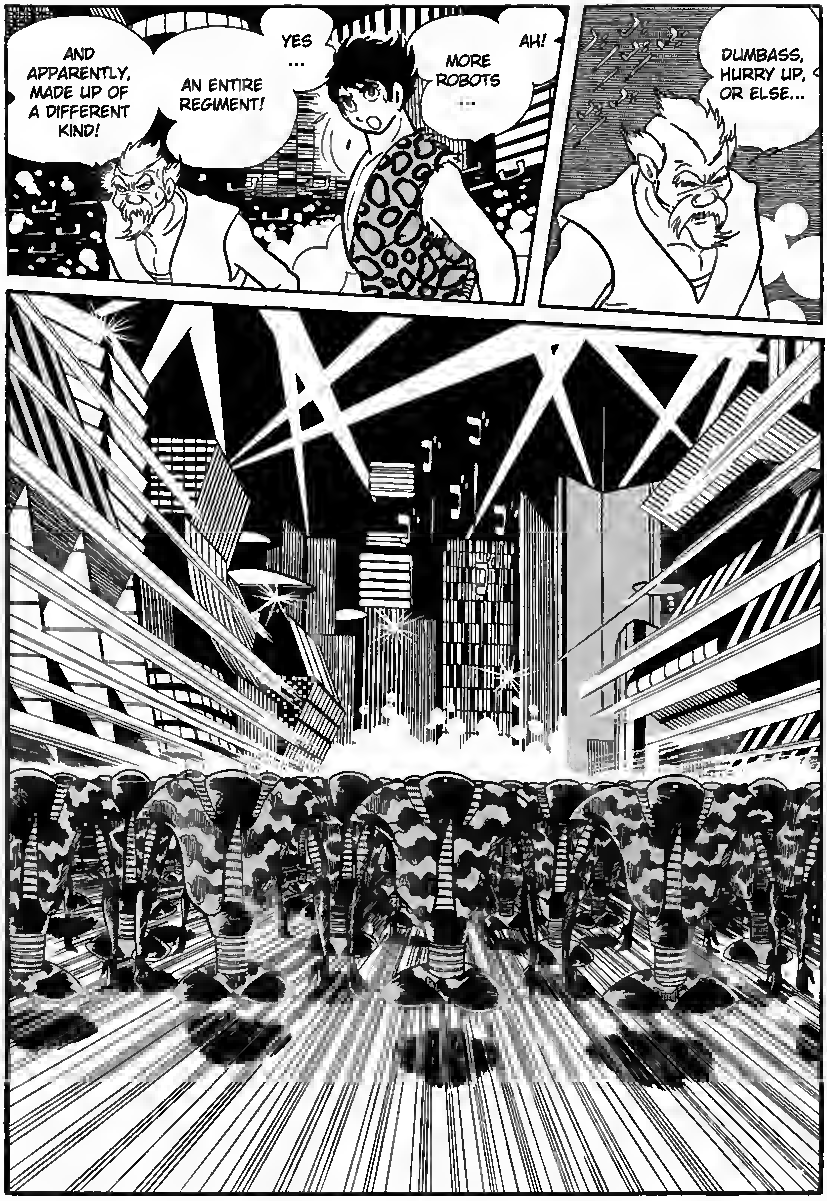
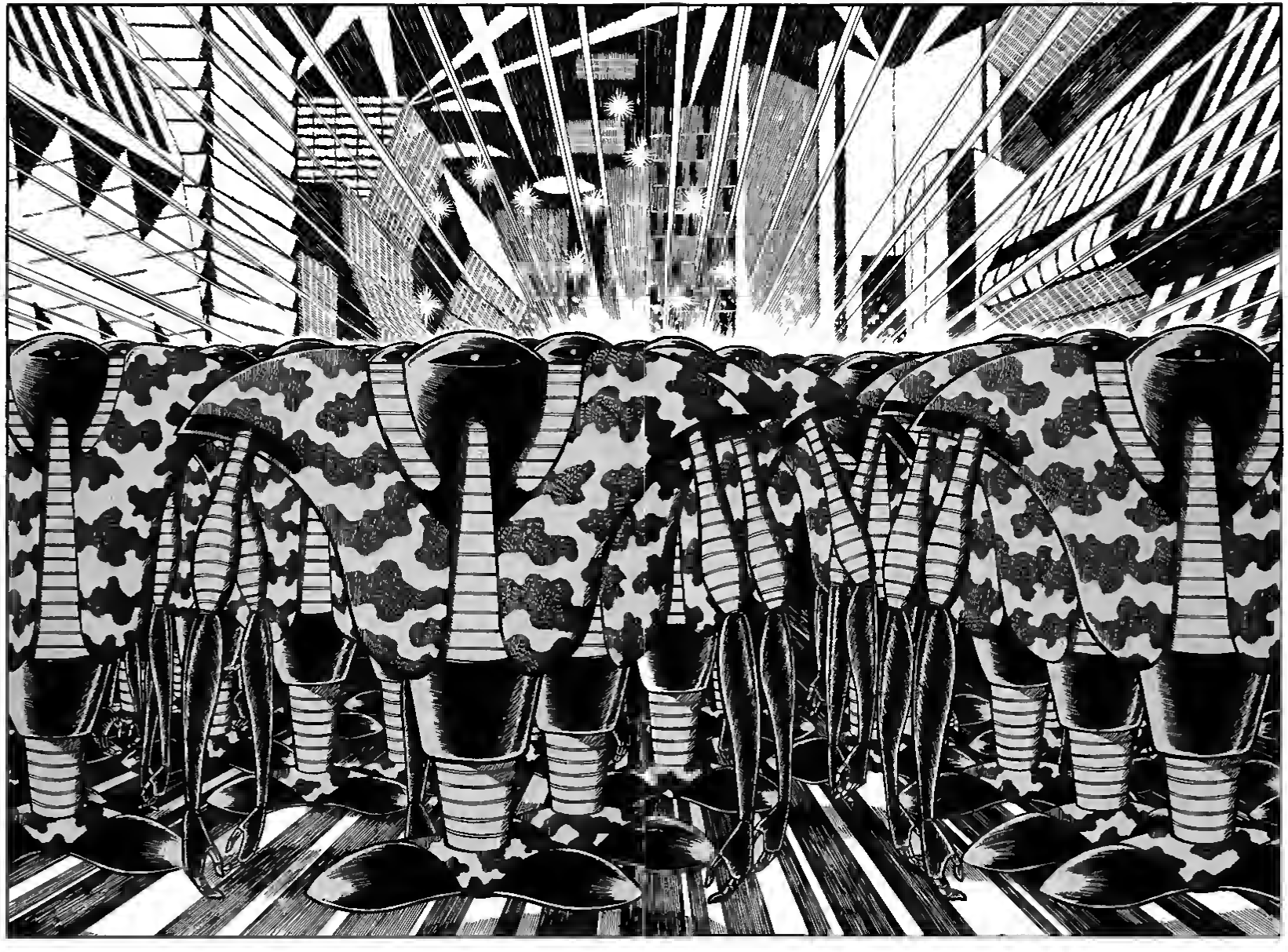
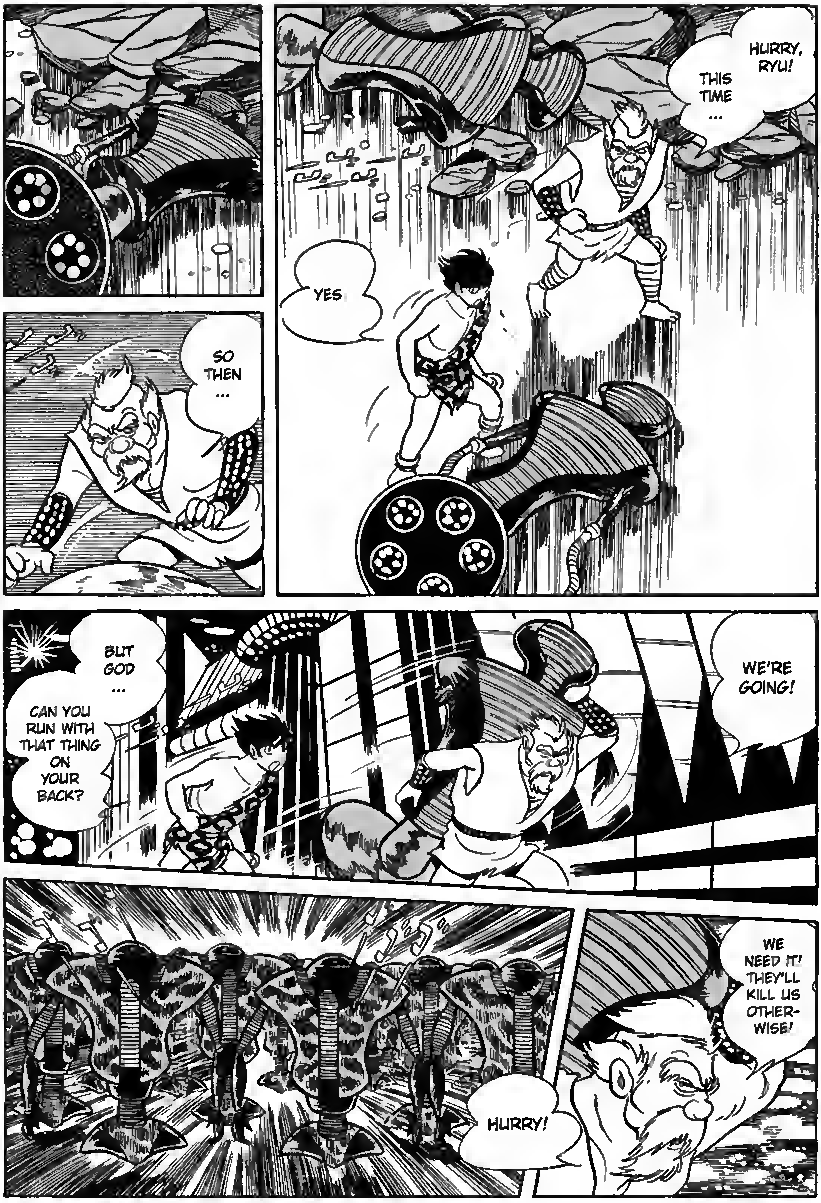
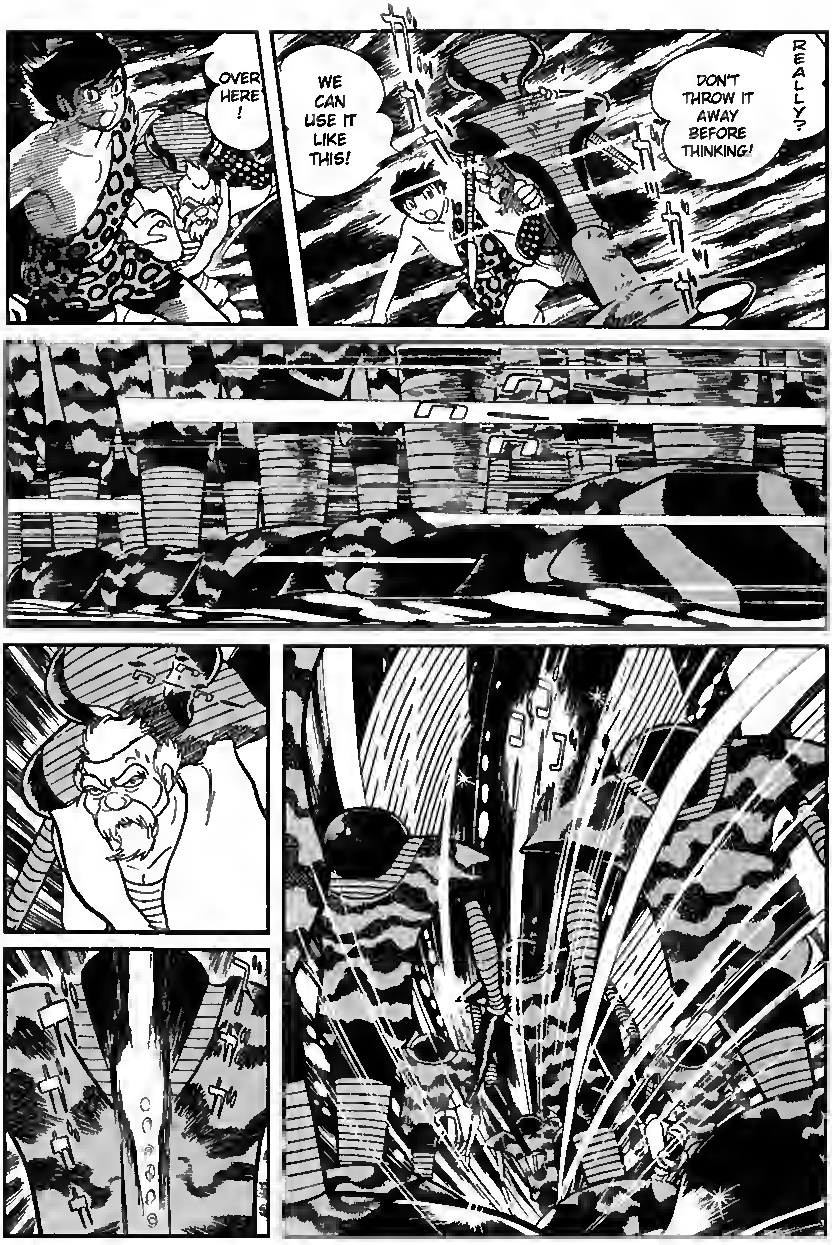
GOD, I...
I KNOW.
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT THEM...
GOD!
THEY WERE BUILT SO I CAN WORK AND FIGHT IN ANY CONDITION.
MY ARMS DON'T CONDUCT ELECTRICITY.
RIGHT!
GO ON, EXAMINE IT.
KNOWING EVERY LAST DETAIL ABOUT YOUR ENEMY IS PART OF THAT PLAN.
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ERROR.
YOU'LL NEED A PERFECT PLAN.
.....
GOD!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I... I...
INCRE-DIBLE!
YOU'RE...

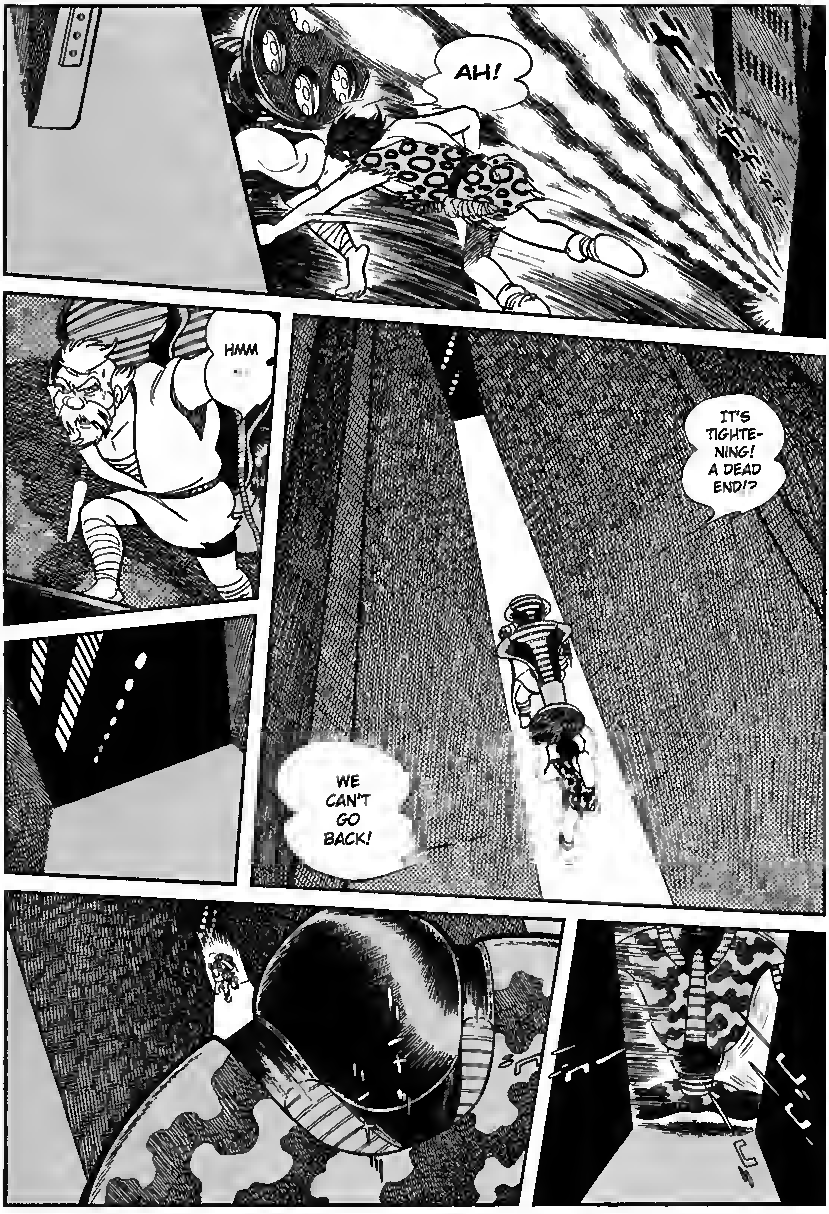

AND APPARENTLY, MADE UP OF A DIFFERENT KIND!
AN ENTIRE REGIMENT!
YES ...
AH! MORE ROBOTS ...
DUMBASS, HURRY UP, OR ELSE...



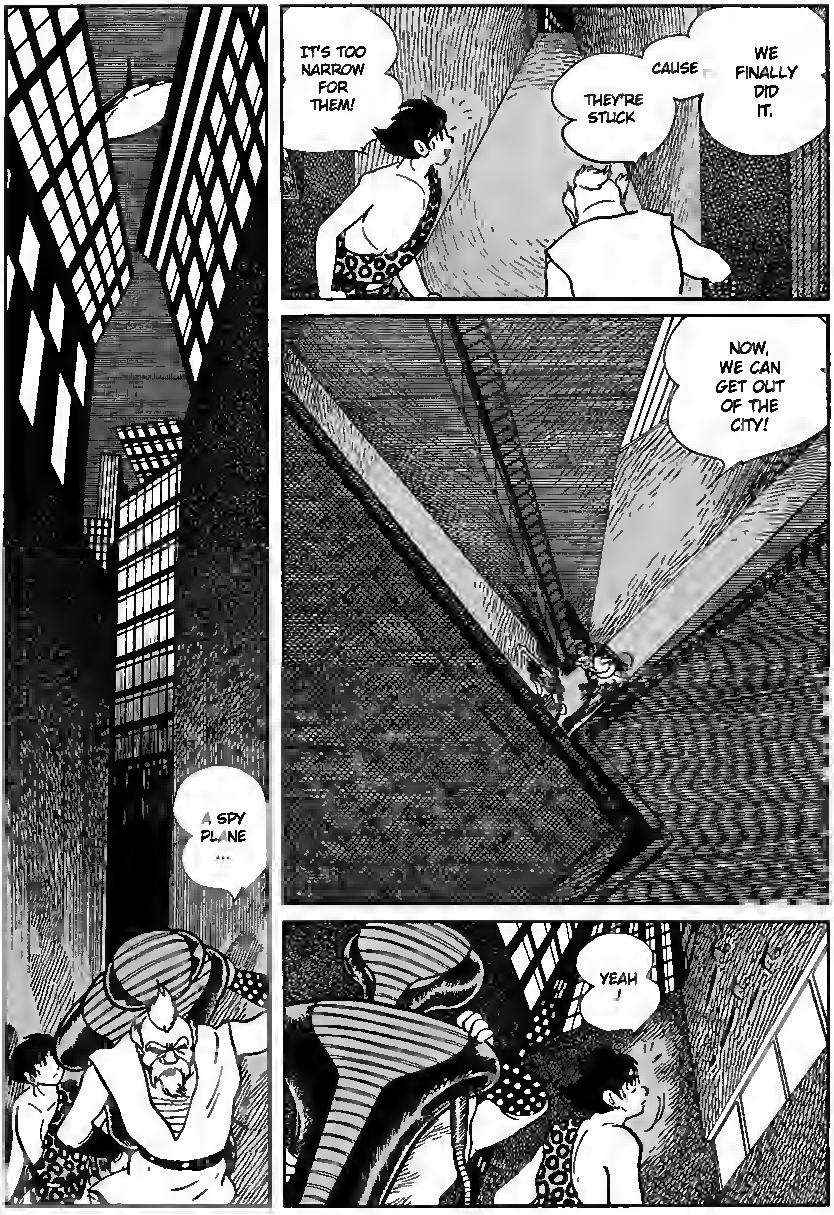

HURRY, RYU!
THIS TIME ...
YES
SO THEN ...
BUT GOD ...
CAN YOU RUN WITH THAT THING ON YOUR BACK?
WE'RE GOING!
WE NEED IT! THEY'LL KILL US OTHERWISE!
HURRY!

IF THESE ROBOTS START SHOOTING WE'RE DONE FOR!
ALWAYS THE SMALL ROADS!
DON'T TAKE ANY MAJOR STREETS !
THEY ARE COMING!
DROP THE ROBOT!
GOD...

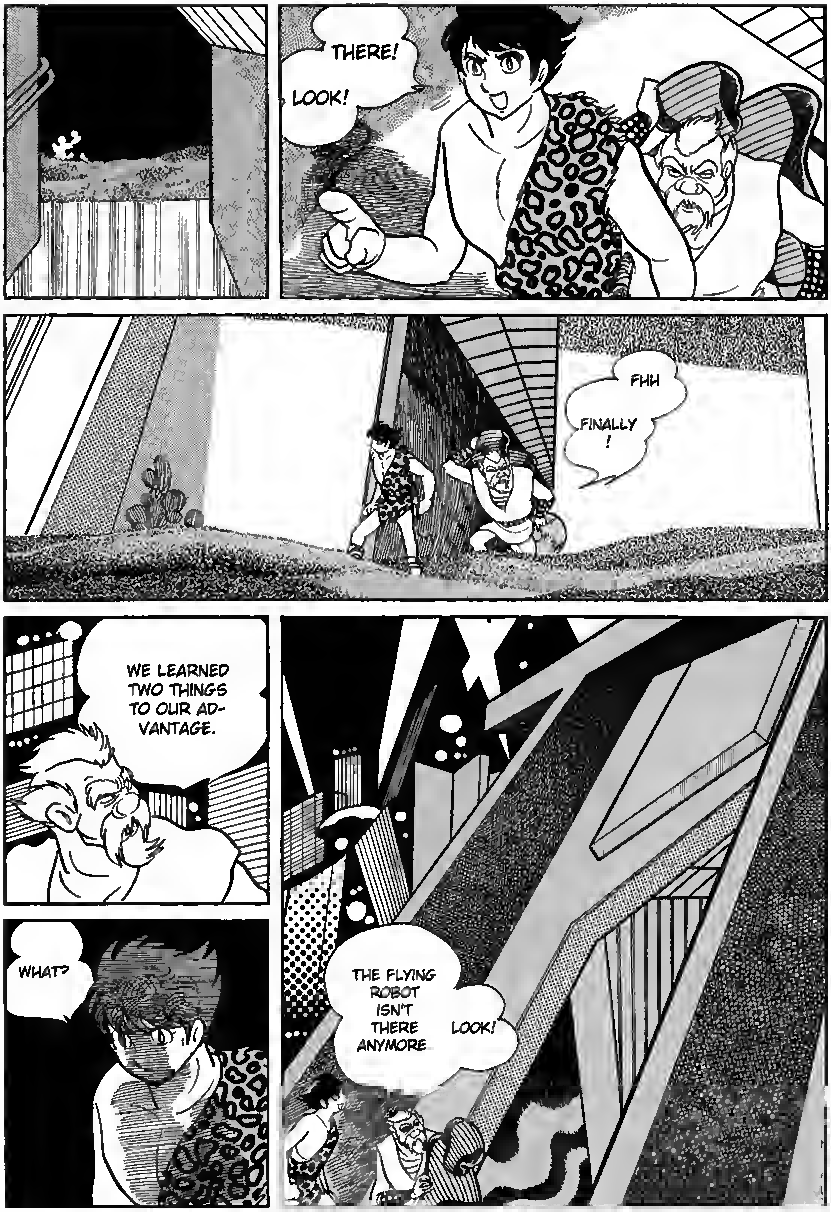

OVER HERE!
WE CAN USE IT LIKE THIS!
DON'T THROW IT AWAY BEFORE THINKING!
REALLY?

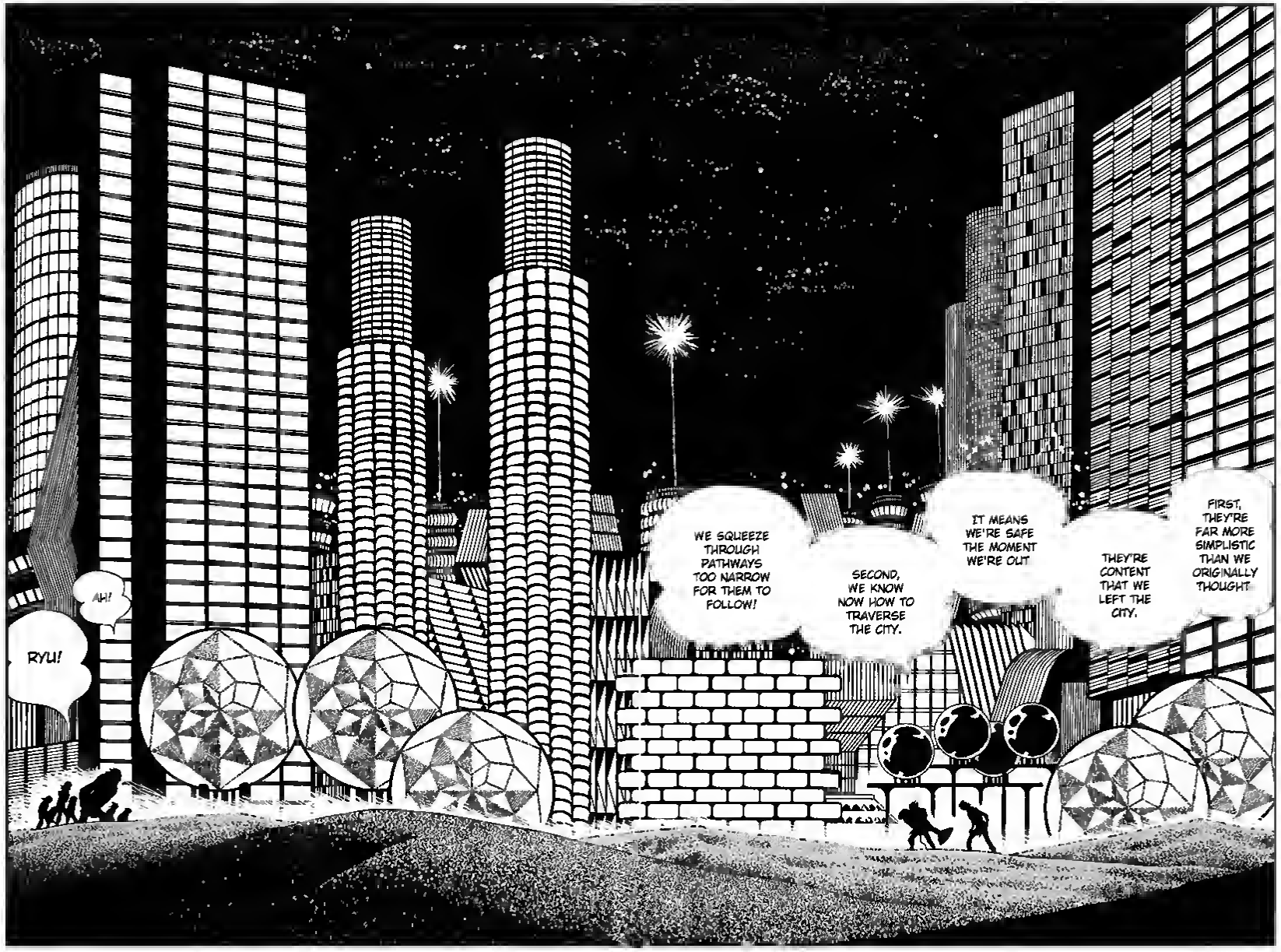

AH!
HMM
IT'S TIGHTENING! A DEAD END!?
WE CAN'T GO BACK!

WOAH
AH!
OW!


IT'S TOO NARROW FOR THEM!
THEY'RE STUCK
CAUSE
WE FINALLY DID IT.
NOW, WE CAN GET OUT OF THE CITY!
A SPY PLANE ...
YEAH !

SO, NOW WE TAKE A RIGHT TO LEAVE.
WE WENT LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT...
WHERE'S THE DESERT? I CAN'T REMEMBER
BUT...
DON'T WORRY, I THINK THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT KEEP TRACK OF US.

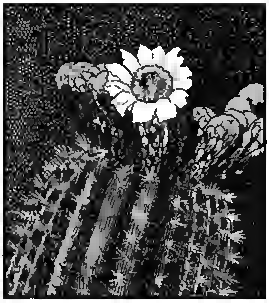

THERE!
LOOK!
FHH
FINALLY
!
WE LEARNED TWO THINGS TO OUR ADVANTAGE.
WHAT?
THE FLYING ROBOT ISN'T THERE ANYMORE
LOOK!

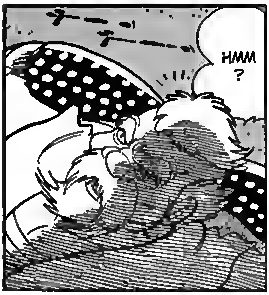

RYU!
AH!
WE SQUEEZE THROUGH PATHWAYS TOO NARROW FOR THEM TO FOLLOW!
SECOND, WE KNOW NOW HOW TO TRAVERSE THE CITY.
IT MEANS WE'RE SAFE THE MOMENT WE'RE OUT
THEY'RE CONTENT THAT WE LEFT THE CITY.
FIRST, THEY'RE FAR MORE SIMPLISTIC THAN WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT

IT'S STILL DARK, GO BACK TO SLEEP.
WHERE WERE YOU?
THE GUNSHOTS WOKE US UP.
WE WERE WORRIED!
SORRY!
WE WERE EXPLO-RING.
WOAH! AWE-SOME!
AL-RIGHT, BED TIME!
YES, GOD DID.
YOU BEAT HIM?
NO, THE EARLIER THE BETTER!
YOU'LL HAVE TIME TOMORROW!
YOU TOO, RYU, GET SOME SLEEP.
...

YOU FIND ANYTHING?
YES.
THE CIRCUIT WHICH STOPS IT FROM ATTACKING HUMANS WAS TAMPERED WITH.
HERE WE GO, FINALLY!
GOOD, THE BUTTON WORKS ..
INDEED.
IF I REACTIVATE IT, NOT ONLY WILL IT STOP ATTACKING US, BUT IT WILL OBEY US!
THAT MEANS THE CIRCUIT BECAME USELESS? LIKE A HUMAN'S APPENDIX?
AH REALLY ?
IT'LL BE EASY!
AND, WE TURN THEM OFF LONG ENOUGH TO FIX THE CIRCUIT.
WE'LL TRY, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TO CAPTURE SOME MORE ROBOTS.
LISTEN HERE'S MY PLAN.

BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT TO THE ONES CAPABLE OF SHOOTING FROM A LONG DISTANCE, LIKE THOSE "SOLDIER" TYPES FROM BEFORE?
WE CAN ONLY TAKE THEM DOWN IF THEY GET CLOSE ENOUGH
YOU BELIEVE THAT?
.....
WE STILL DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ROBOTS ARE IN THAT CITY
EVEN IF WE MANAGE TO GET OURSELVES A COUPLE OF ROBOTS...
AND..
AND WE CONTINUE FROM THERE!
START WITH ONE OR TWO!
WE DO IT LITTLE BY LITTLE.
HMM ...
WILL BE OURS!
THEN, THIS CITY .. WILL BE...
AND THEN ALL THE ROBOTS WILL BE UNDER OUR CONTROL!
BUT FOR NOW, GET SOME SLEEP.
WE'LL START A PLAN AROUND YOUR IDEA
OKAY.
YES..

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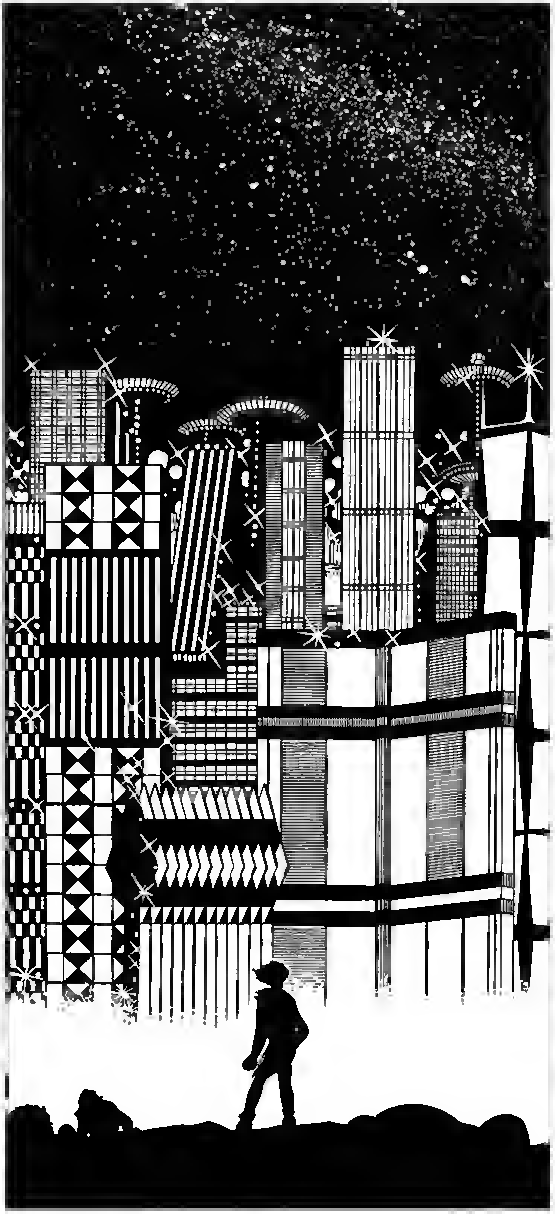

SORRY!
DID I WAKE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYU?
MAYBE... I SEE THAT THIS WIRE HERE ISN'T WELL CONNECTED.
?
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
I THINK I CAN REPAIR HIM.
AH!
LOOK!
SO...
IT'S ISAAC!

WAIT!
STAY PUT!
ISAAC'S BACK!
WHOOP!
NEXT TIME, YOU WILL ALL DIE!
DO NOT STEP IN THE CITY AGAIN!
WARNING!
LEAVE IMMEDI-ATELY!

AND NOW HE'S ON THEIR SIDE!
HE KNOWS HOW TO TALK?
I REPEAT
DO NOT ENTER OUR CITY!
NEXT TIME, YOU WILL ALL DIE!
AH ...
ISAAC HAS...
CHANGED SIDES !?
...
IT'S ONLY A MACHINE AFTER ALL!
HA HA HA
TRAITOR? ...
TRAITOR!
I REPEAT
DO NOT ENTER OUR CITY!
OR YOU WILL ALL DIE!

WAIT, ISAAC!
WAIT!
HE'S LEAVING!
AH! ISAAC ...
KRRR
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I'LL...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HE STOPPED.
KRRR
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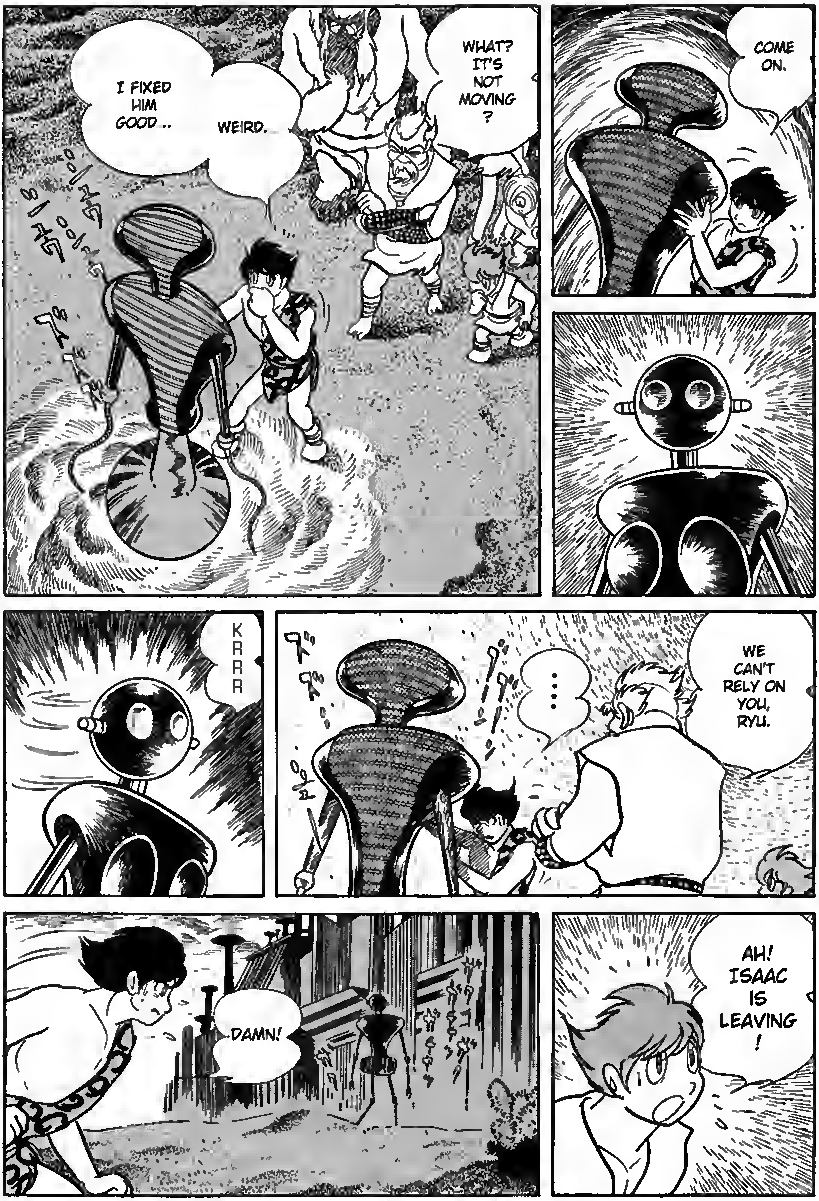
ISAAC IS LOOKING AT US!
IT'S ALREADY WORKING?
YES
SIMPLY CONNECT THIS COIL ...
AND THERE!
ORDER HIM TO CAPTURE ISAAC!


WHAT? IT'S NOT MOVING ?
I FIXED HIM GOOD ..
WEIRD.
COME ON.
KARA
WE CAN'T RELY ON YOU, RYU.
DAMN!
AH! ISAAC IS LEAVING !

...
ISAAC'S NOT OUR FRIEND ANY-MORE!
NO! HE CAN'T GO!
HMM...
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WATCH OUT!
RYU! WAIT!
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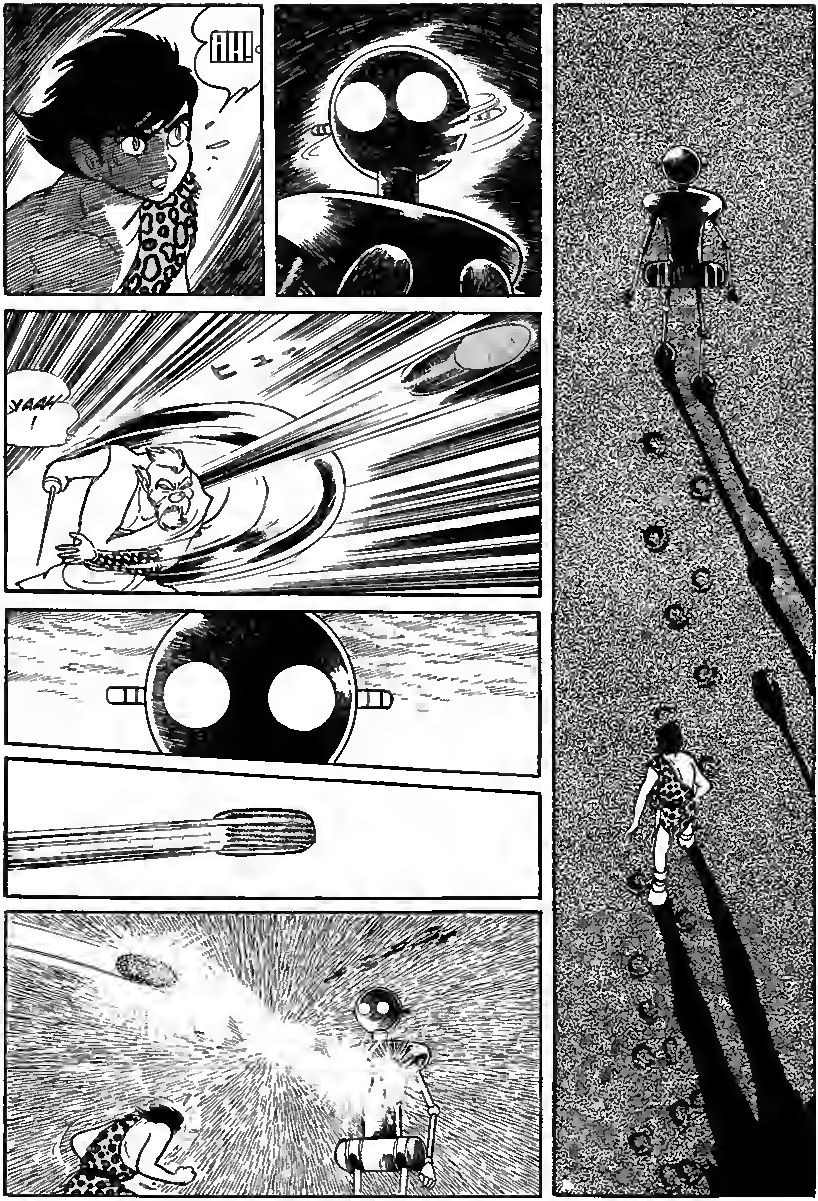
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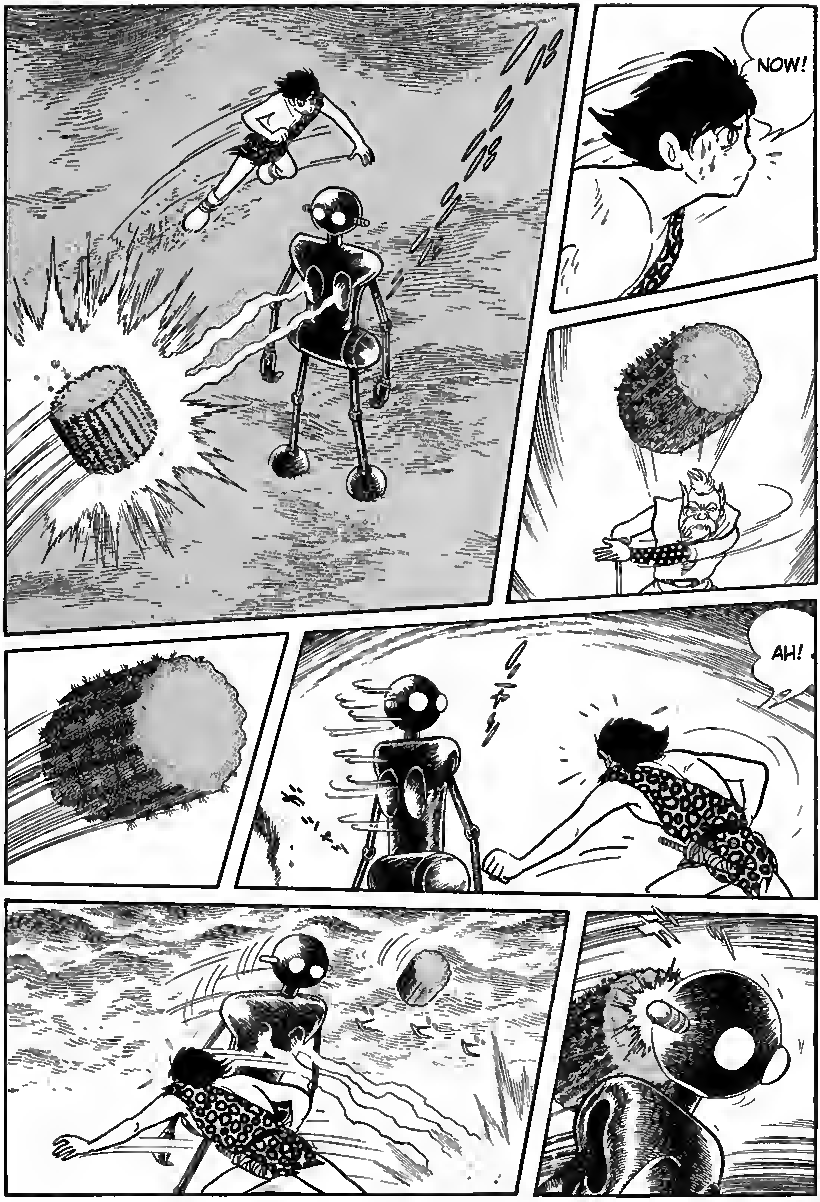
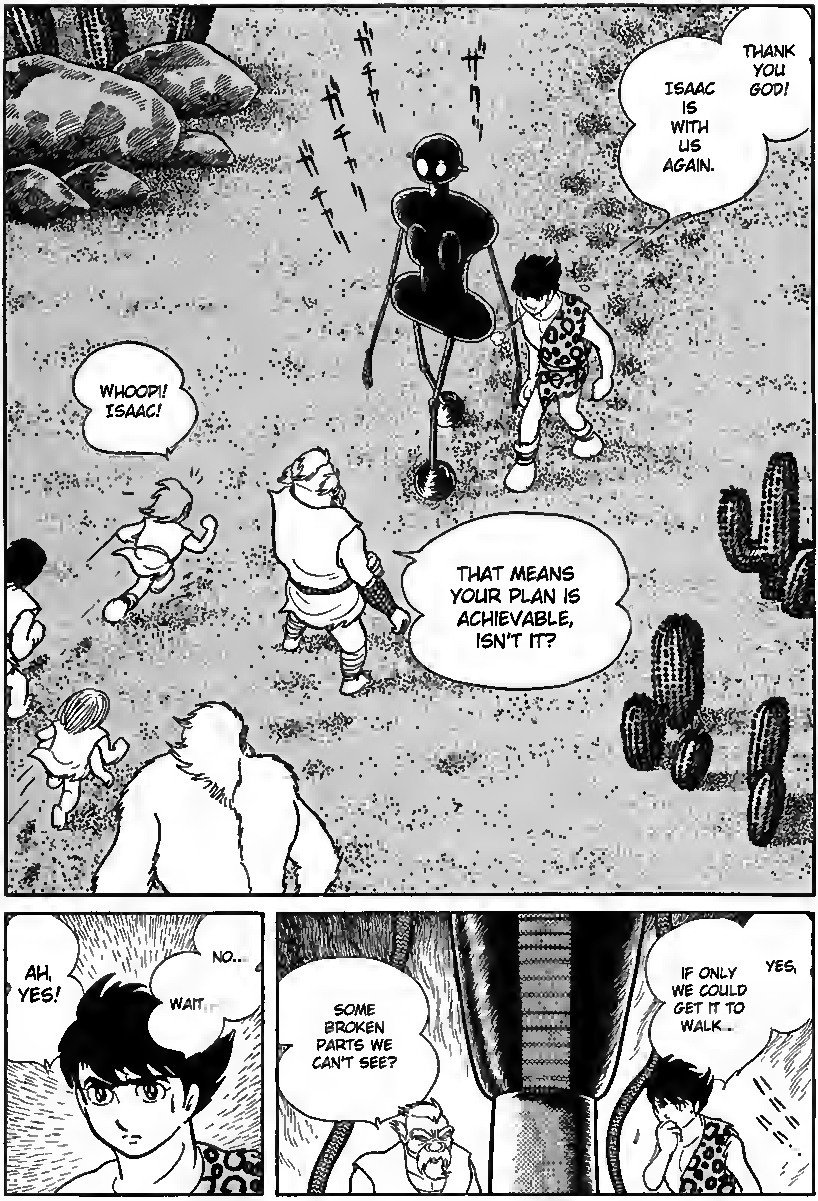

NOW!
AH!

RYU!
CALM DOWN ISAAC ...
YOU'LL BE BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF!
AS I THOUGHT!
THEY MESSED WITH THE CIRCUIT.
OH!
STAND, ISAAC!


THANK YOU GOD!
ISAAC IS WITH US AGAIN.
WHOOP! ISAAC!
THAT MEANS YOUR PLAN IS ACHIEVABLE, ISN'T IT?
AH, YES!
NO...
WAIT...
SOME BROKEN PARTS WE CAN'T SEE?
YES,
IF ONLY WE COULD GET IT TO WALK..

HMM...
THE CITY LIMITS MUST BE COVERED IN A ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD!
THEY CAN ONLY WALK IN THE CITY!
I KNOW WHY!
THEY MADE HIM THE MES-SENGER!
THAT'S WHY THEY CHOSE TO CONVERT ISAAC, SINCE HE CAN WALK ON THE OUTSIDE..
IT MUST BE THE REASON WHY THE ROBOTS NEVER LEAVE THE CITY!
I'M SURE!
THEY MOST CER-TAINLY TRANS-FERRED INFOR-MATION OF THAT SORT INTO HIS CENTRAL UNIT.
WHY NOT ASK ISAAC FOR A MAP OF THE CITY?
WAIT A SECOND!
BEFORE WE DO THAT..
IF HE WALKS, WE START THE PLAN IMMEDIATELY.
WILL BRING HIM INTO THE CITY TO TEST IT OUT.
C'MON GOD! HELP ME.
I'M HUNGRY!
AND...
OF COURSE!

I'M HUNGRY!
ME TOO...
HA HA HA!
WE CAN'T FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH!
WE HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE LAST NIGHT...
CAN'T WE DO THAT AFTER-WARDS?
BUT RYU...
AH!?
TAKE THIS ROBOT TO THE EN-TRANCE OF THE CITY.
PEK!!
A SMALL TASK BEFORE BREAK-FAST!
ISAAC, COME WITH US.
GULP!
I CUT ITS VOLTAGE
DON'T WORRY! YOU WON'T BE ELECTRO-CUTED!
YOU'RE AFRAID OF EVERYTHING, PEK!!
RELAX, GOD
HEY! RYU!

I WAS THINK-ING.
ISAAC WILL BRING US BOXES OF FOOD AND WATER.
ISAAC'S A ROBOT, THEY WON'T ATTACK HIM!
AND AS A PRECAUTION, THE OTHER ROBOT WILL PROTECT ISAAC.
AL-RIGHT ...
BUT DOES HE WORK?
OF COURSE!
WITHOUT A DOUBT!
OKAY PEKI, PUT HIM DOWN ON THE GROUND.
...

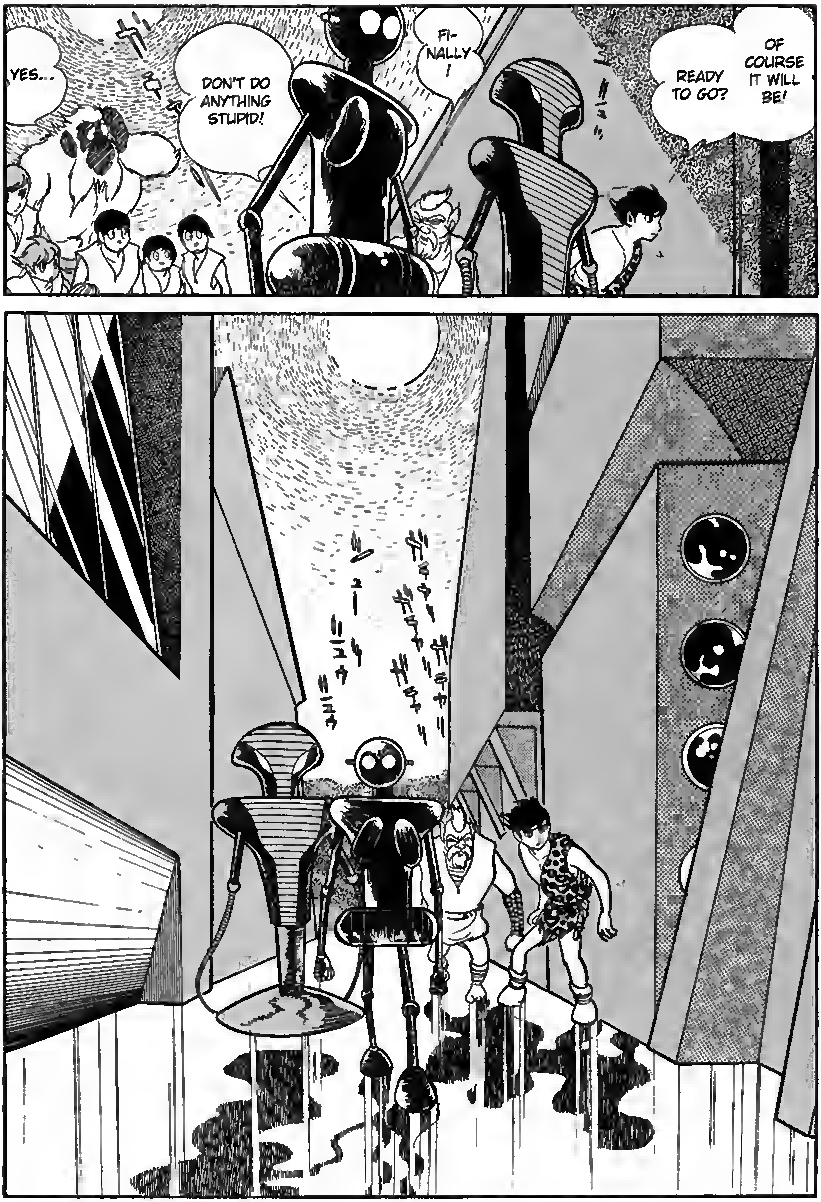
GO, ISAAC!
BRING US FOOD!
OH...
IT WORKS!
AND YOU, PROTECT ISAAC!
YES
IMME-DIATELY
HA HA!
THOSE ARE REAL ROBOTS!
YOU SEE?
TO THE HUMANS?
BEST FRIENDS AND SER-VANTS

UP UNTIL NOW, EVERYTHING HAS GONE WELL.
IT'S TRUE
YOU'RE DAMN ENTHUSIASTIC, RYU.
...
AND WE'LL PUT THEM TO GOOD USE!
WHEN WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE ROBOTS, WE'LL HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
BUT OF COURSE! NO ROBOT IS TOO COMPLICATED!
ANYWAYS ...
IS A SMALL VICTORY, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED
BUT THE FACT THAT THEY WORK..
MACHINES AREN'T ALWAYS SO LOYAL TO HUMANS.
I CAN'T HAVE AS MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THIS AS YOU.
FOR ME..
YOU'RE UNBELIEVABLE!
ANOTHER LECTURE?
GOD...
DAMN IT!
AH...
AND YOUR BODY IS HALF ...
YOU WERE A ROCKET PILOT, RIGHT?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS AGAINST ROBOTS ?
WHY ARE YOU SO NEGATIVE?

WHAT ?
I ENVY YOUR BODY, I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S TRUE!
I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT YOU'RE THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE COMBINATION OF MAN AND MACHINE!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU!
SORRY!
...
OR, FOR LIMBS AS COLD AS STONE?
FOR THE POWER IT BRINGS?
WHAT DO YOU WANT? TO BE HALF-MACHINE?
YOU'RE WRONG.
PROVIDED, IF IT'S AT ITS PEAK!
THE HUMAN BODY IS JUST A VESSEL MADE TO CONTAIN EMOTIONS AND INTELLIGENCE!
BUT GOD ...
I DON'T HAVE MUCH AMMO LEFT ..
AH!
THEY'RE BACK!

THE PLANT WHERE I WAS MODIFIED IS LOCATED ON 36TH AVENUE, BLOCK A.
THIS "MASTER" MUST BE A SUPER COMPUTER.
HMM ...
DON'T SAY "OUR MASTER"! IT'S NOT YOUR MASTER!
THAT IS WHERE OUR MASTER RESIDES.
THE ORDER CAME FROM THE BASEMENT

WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT THE ROBOTS IF WE COULD RE-CONFIGURE THE SUPER COMPUTER.
TOO BAD!
I DO NOT KNOW.
AND WHERE'S THE ENTRANCE TO IT?
THE MAJORITY OF CITIES HAD A SUPER COMPUTER FOR CONTROLLING DIFFERENT SYSTEMS.
SAY, GOD, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
BUT HIS SPEAKER IS COMPLETELY BROKEN.
IF ONLY THIS ROBOT COULD TALK, THE THINGS I COULD KNOW...
WE'RE TAKING IT OVER!
THE CITY!
IT WON'T BE SO EASY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ISAAC, GOD, THIS ROBOT AND I...
KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!
PEKI!
YOU'RE GOING TO STAY BEHIND


YES...
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID!
FI-NALLY !
READY TO GO?
OF COURSE IT WILL BE!

A GROUP OF SOLDIERS!
AND DOWN THERE TOO.
THE FLYING ROBOTS!
UP THERE!
AL-RIGHT!
LET'S GET INSIDE.
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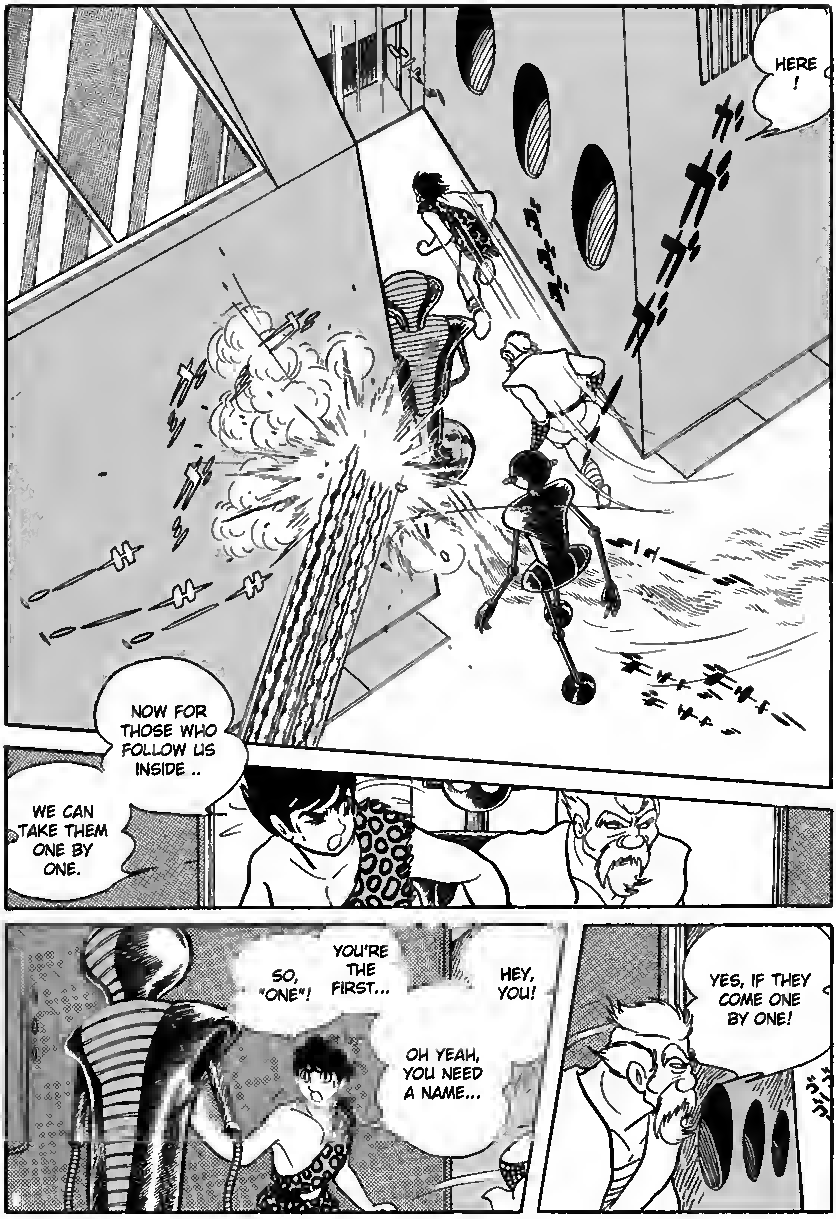

HERE !
NOW FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW US INSIDE ..
WE CAN TAKE THEM ONE BY ONE.
HEY, YOU!
YOU'RE THE FIRST...
SO, "ONE"!
OH YEAH, YOU NEED A NAME...
YES, IF THEY COME ONE BY ONE!

HMM!
OUR GUESTS ARE COMING!
GREAT TIME TO BAPTIZE A ROBOT!
DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO BUY US TIME!
CLOSE THE DOOR AS SOON AS ONE COMES IN.
ONE!
WE NEED A ROBOT.
HERE THEY ARE.
ISAAC, WATCH CLOSELY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO.

THAT MEANS...
MY JOB'S TO...
HAVE THEM TURN THEIR BACKS TO YOU!?
COME ON!
WHAT!
GOD! YOU'RE CRAZY!
SHIT!

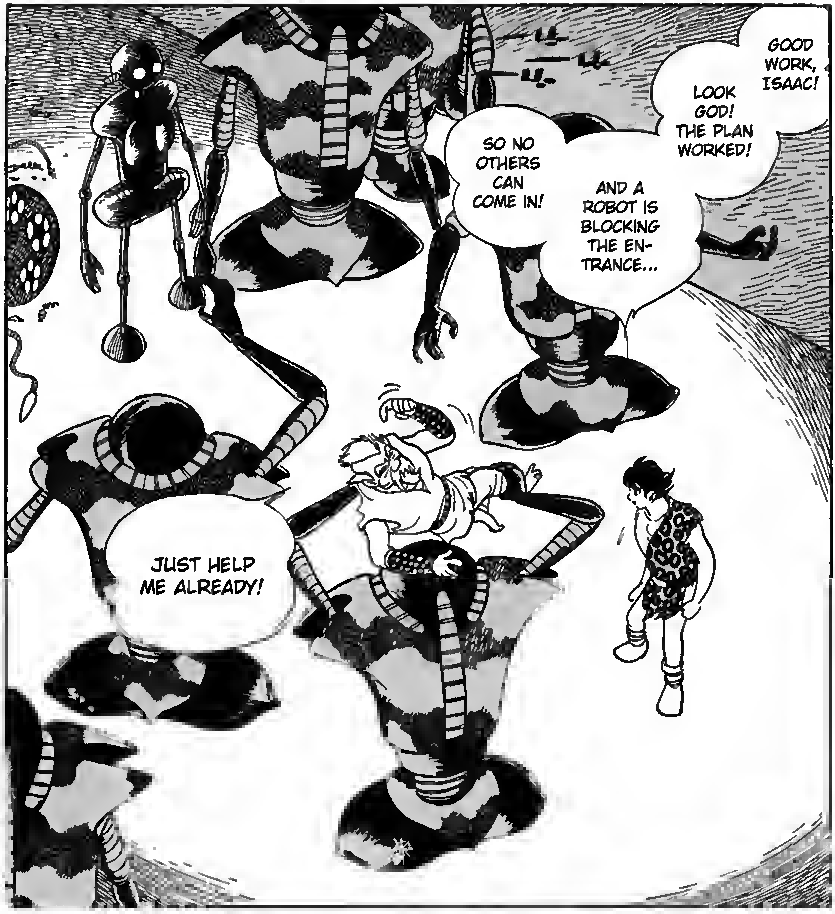
WHERE'S THE POWER BUTTON ON THIS GUY!?
AH!
WHOA!
FOUND IT!
THERE!

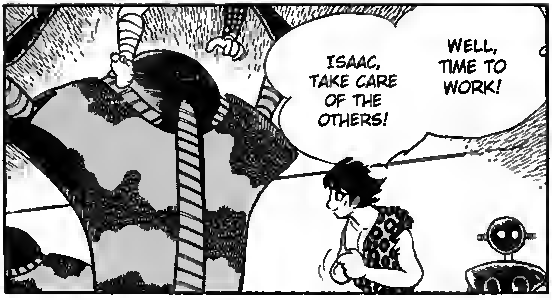
HURRY, RYU!
THE OTHERS ARE COMING!
AH!

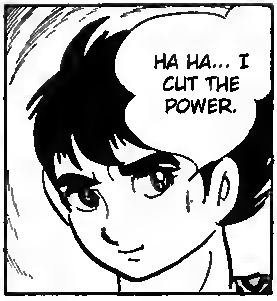
SON OF A...

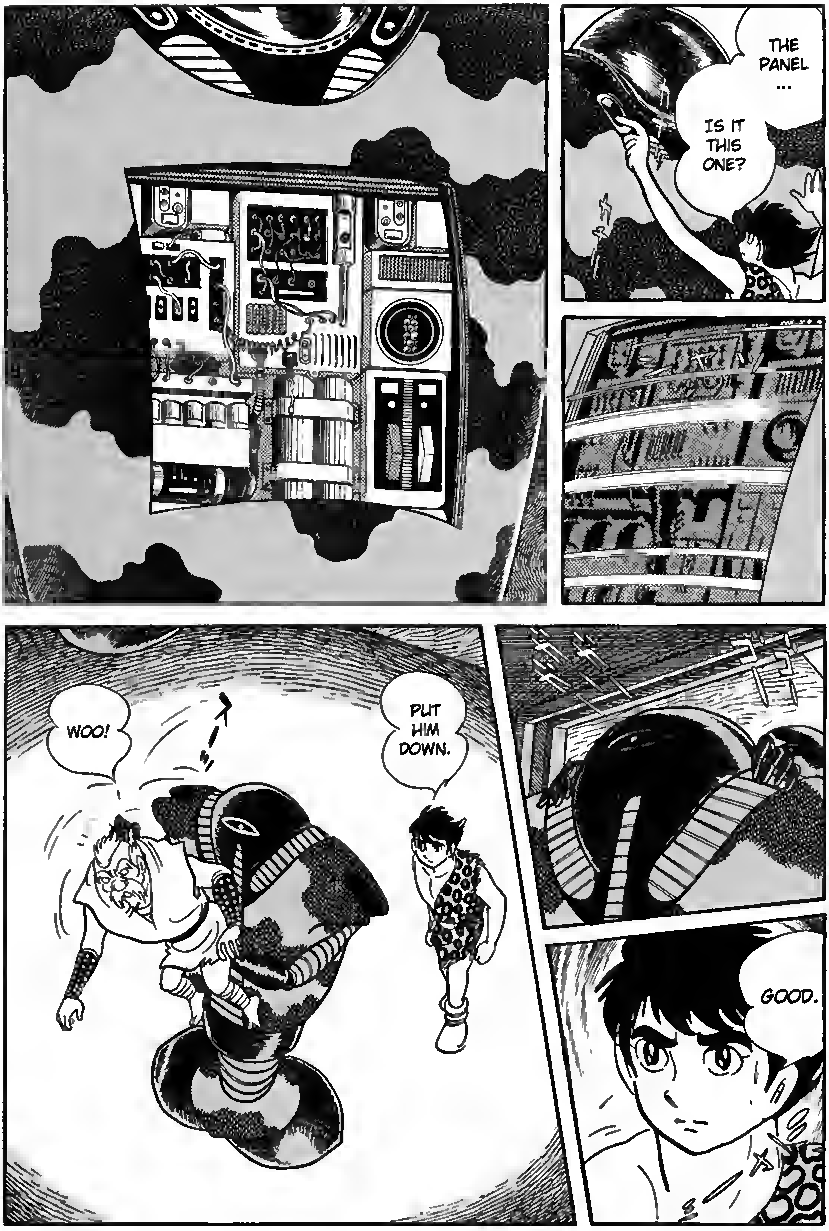
RYU! WATCH OUT!
AH!
GOO!
WHOA!

NO...
I'M NOT HUMAN, YOU KNOW!
ARE YOU HURT?
GOD!
HMM ?
AH...
BUT THIS ROBOT IS STILL QUITE STRONG!
THE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF MY SKIN.

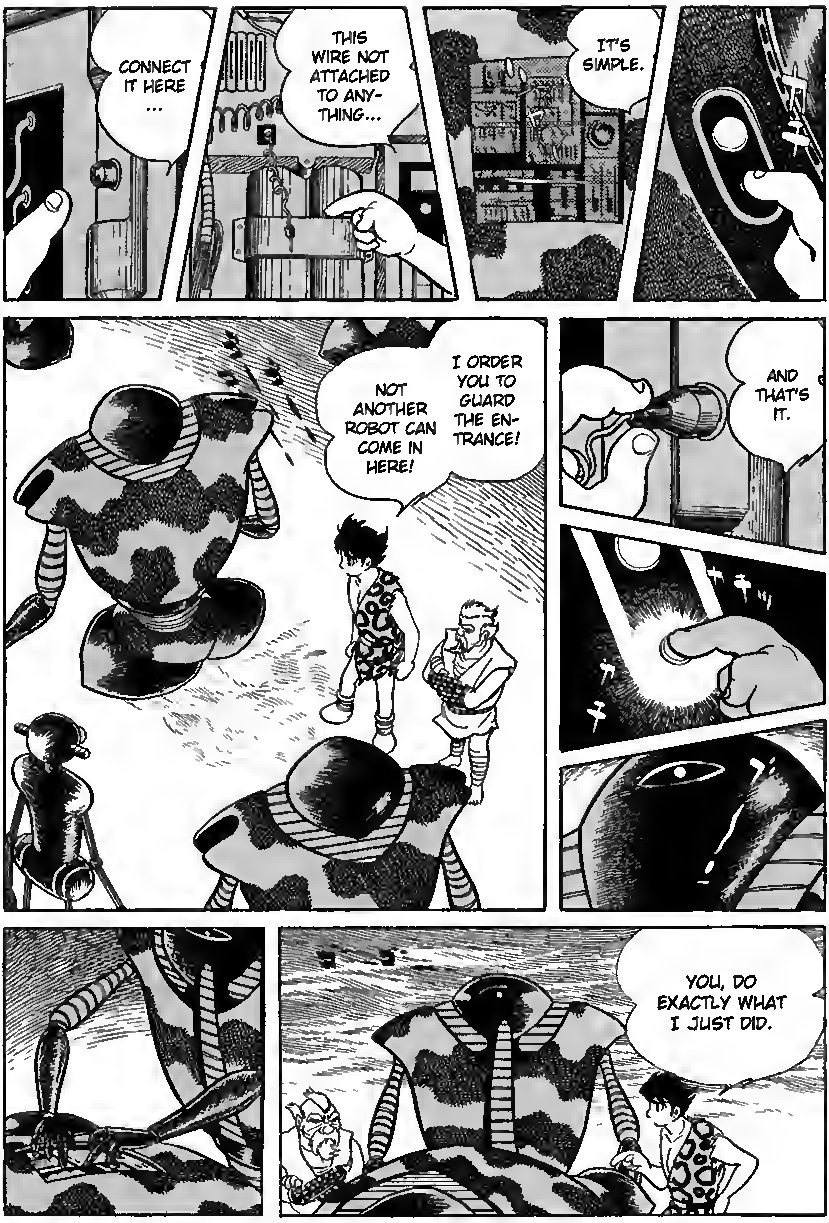

GOOD WORK, ISAAC!
LOOK GOD! THE PLAN WORKED!
SO NO OTHERS CAN COME IN!
AND A ROBOT IS BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE...
JUST HELP ME ALREADY!

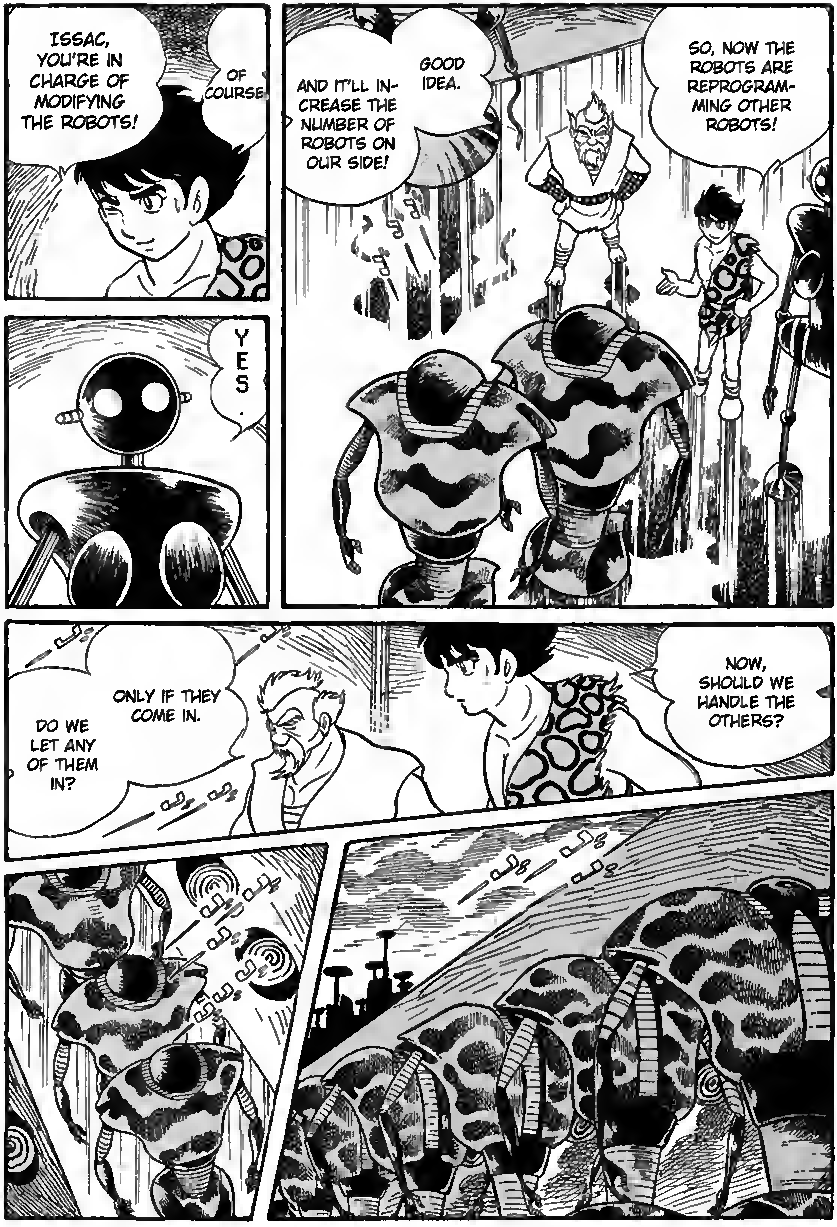

ISAAC, TAKE CARE OF THE OTHERS!
WELL, TIME TO WORK!


HA HA... I CUT THE POWER.


THE PANEL ...
IS IT THIS ONE?
WOO!
PUT HIM DOWN.
GOOD.

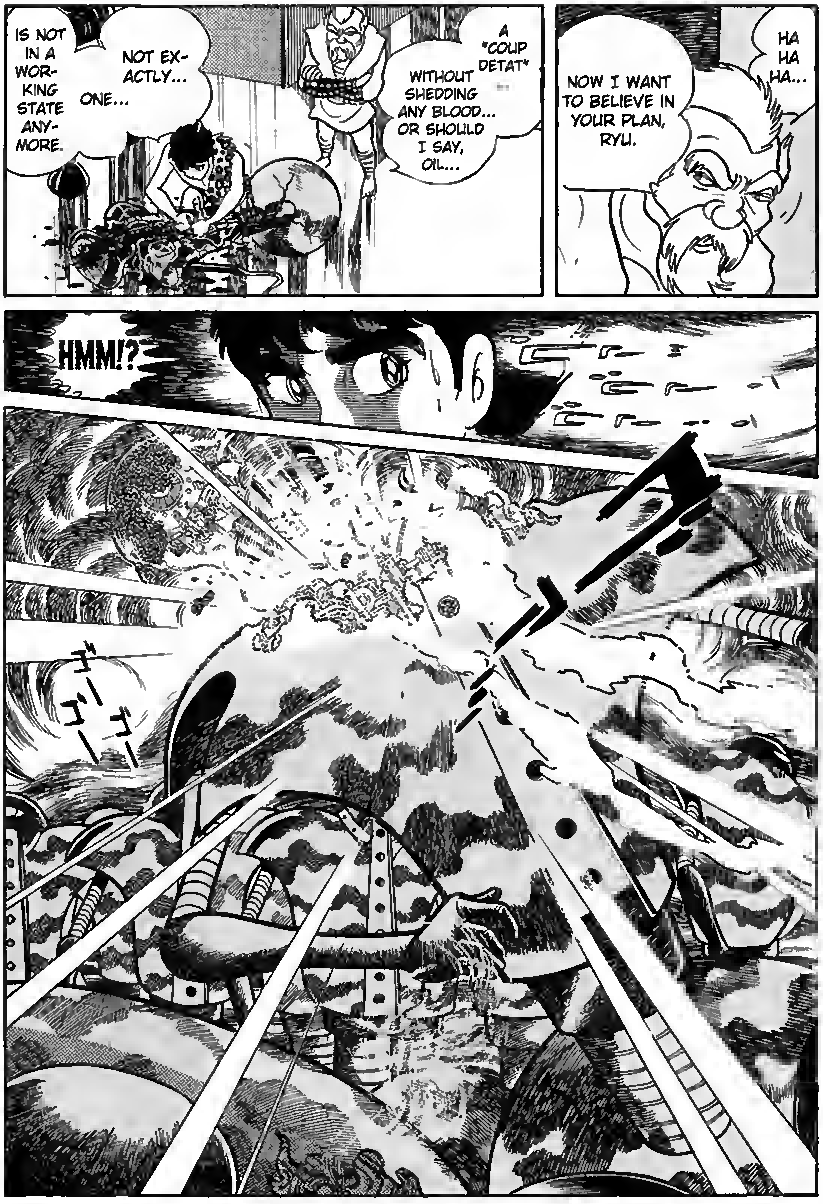
...
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK?
FI-NALLY!
BUT...
THEN, HE CAN'T TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE...
SOLDIERS ARE ALWAYS THE SAME! EVEN WITH HUMANS!
ARE JUST LOW-RANKING SOLDIERS ONLY MADE TO FOLLOW ORDERS!
THESE HERE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'LL PUT ON A LITTLE DEMON-STRATION, WATCH HOW I DO IT.
HMM ?
ISAAC, COME HERE.
GOD ...
NOW THEN ...

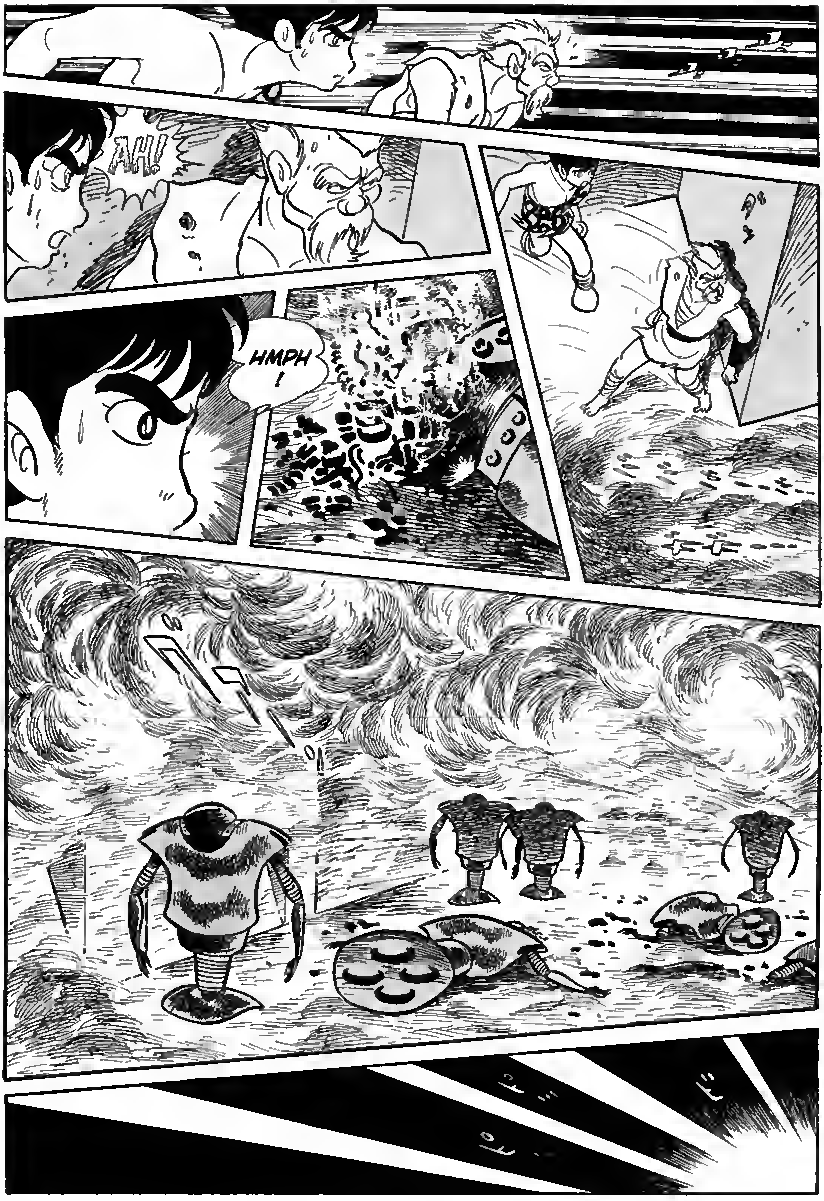

CONNECT IT HERE ...
THIS WIRE NOT ATTACHED TO ANY-THING...
IT'S SIMPLE.
I ORDER YOU TO GUARD THE EN-TRANCE!
NOT ANOTHER ROBOT CAN COME IN HERE!
AND THAT'S IT.
YOU, DO EXACTLY WHAT I JUST DID.


ISSAC, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF MODIFYING THE ROBOTS!
OF COURSE.
YES.
SO, NOW THE ROBOTS ARE REPROGRAMMING OTHER ROBOTS!
GOOD IDEA.
AND IT'LL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ROBOTS ON OUR SIDE!
NOW, SHOULD WE HANDLE THE OTHERS?
ONLY IF THEY COME IN.
DO WE LET ANY OF THEM IN?

WE'RE DONE?
WELL... DO WE USE THESE TO ATTACK?
YOU WISH!
WE'RE RETURNING THEM!
CAUSE I'M SURE...
THERE ARE OTHER ROBOTS, OF ALL TYPES.
AND THAT'S WHERE THEY'LL START...

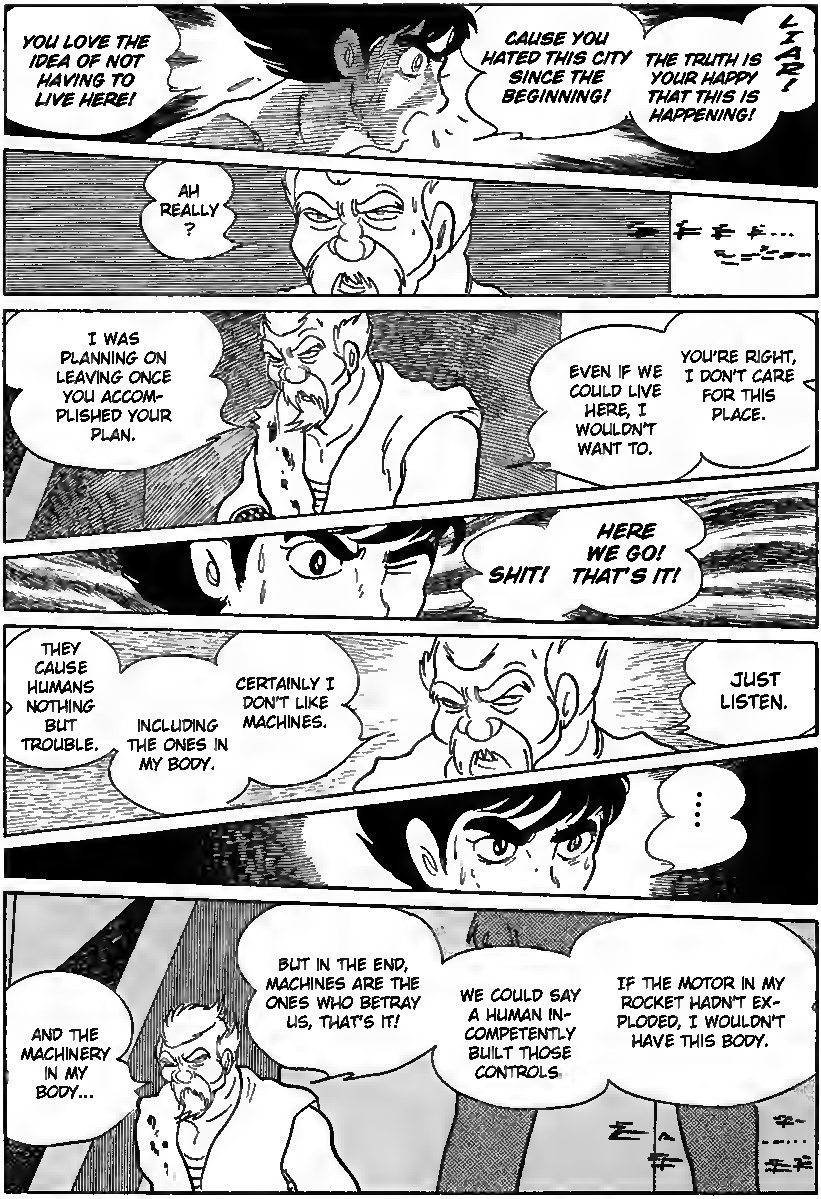
GO!
IT HAS TO WORK!
INCREASE OUR NUMBERS!
IF THIS PLAN WORKS ...
WILL BE UNDER OUR COMMAND?
DOING THE SAME MODIFICATIONS
SO EVENTUALLY EVERY ROBOT IN THIS CITY...
OF COURSE IT'LL WORK!
AND NOW WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT.
WE AT LEAST MADE THEM BELIEVE THEY ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION!
THE FLYING ROBOTS ARE LEAVING TOO!
LOOK RYU!


IS NOT IN A WORKING STATE ANYMORE.
NOT EXACTLY... ONE...
A "COUP DETAT" WITHOUT SHEDDING ANY BLOOD... OR SHOULD I SAY, OIL....
NOW I WANT TO BELIEVE IN YOUR PLAN, RYU.
HA HA HA...
HMM!?


AH!
HMPH!

THOSE OFFENSIVE ROBOTS ARE ATTACKING OURS...
WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS!

IT WAS TO EARLY TO CLAIM VICTORY!
LET'S GET BACK INSIDE.
HMM!
OUR ARMY IS GOING TO BE ANNI-HILATED...
THEY'RE TOO STRONG.
YOU KNOW I HAD GREAT HOPE IN YOUR PLAN.
I'M JUST STATING THE FACTS.
WHY?
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!


YOU LOVE THE IDEA OF NOT HAVING TO LIVE HERE!
CAUSE YOU HATED THIS CITY SINCE THE BEGINNING!
THE TRUTH IS YOUR HAPPY THAT THIS IS HAPPENING!
LIAR!
AH REALLY ?
I WAS PLANNING ON LEAVING ONCE YOU ACCOMPLISHED YOUR PLAN.
EVEN IF WE COULD LIVE HERE, I WOULDN'T WANT TO.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I DON'T CARE FOR THIS PLACE.
SHIT!
HERE WE GO! THAT'S IT!
THEY CAUSE HUMANS NOTHING BUT TROUBLE.
INCLUDING THE ONES IN MY BODY.
CERTAINLY I DON'T LIKE MACHINES.
JUST LISTEN.
...
AND THE MACHINERY IN MY BODY...
BUT IN THE END, MACHINES ARE THE ONES WHO BETRAY US, THAT'S IT!
WE COULD SAY A HUMAN INCOMPETENTLY BUILT THOSE CONTROLS
IF THE MOTOR IN MY ROCKET HADN'T EXPLODED, I WOULDN'T HAVE THIS BODY.

AGAINST MY WILL.
HAS KEPT ME ALIVE FOR A LONG TIME...
WELL I, DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE YOUR GETTING AT!
OBSESSIVE!
YOUR HATRED OF MACHINES, IT'S...
MAYBE ...
I'M NOT LOOKING TO CONVINCE YOU.
THESE FEELINGS CAN ONLY BE SHARED BY OTHERS LIKE ME, WITH PLASTIC, STEAL AND OTHER ARTIFICIAL MATERIALS IN THEIR BODY, REPLACING THE HEART AND BONES!
HMM...
AH!?
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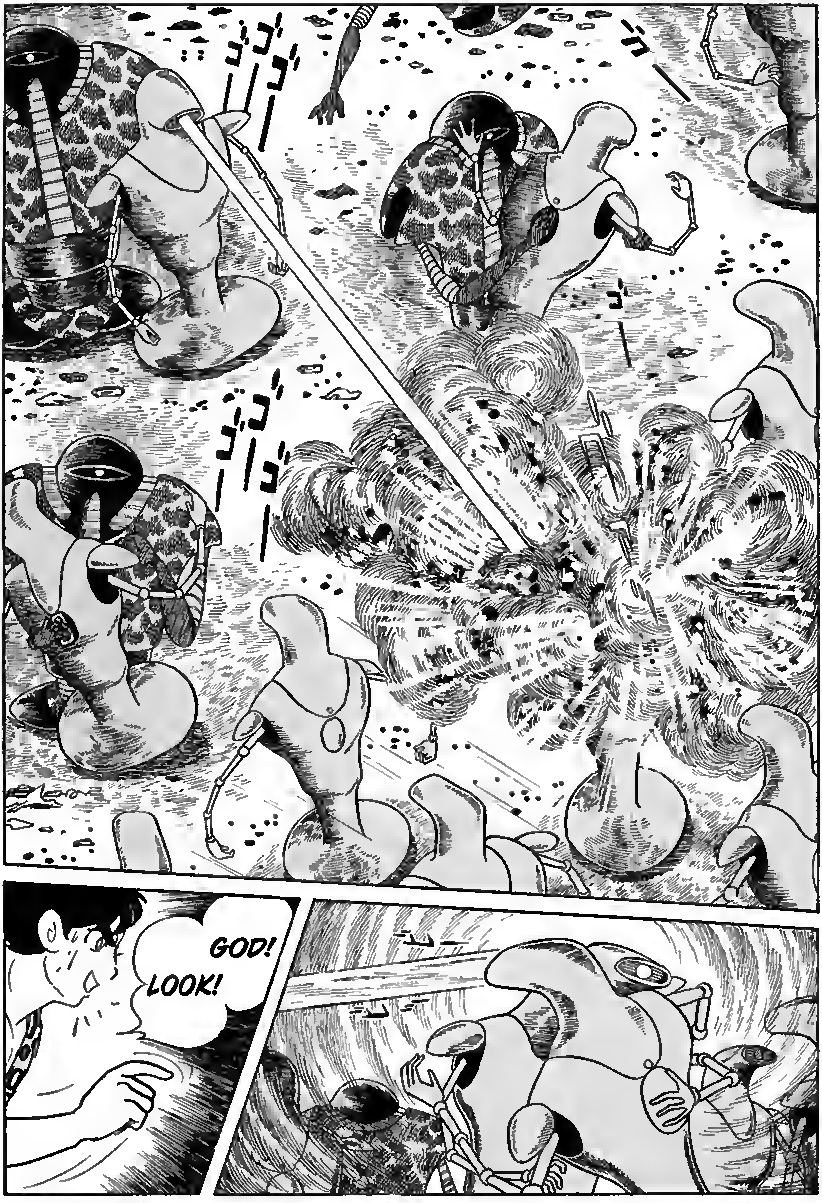
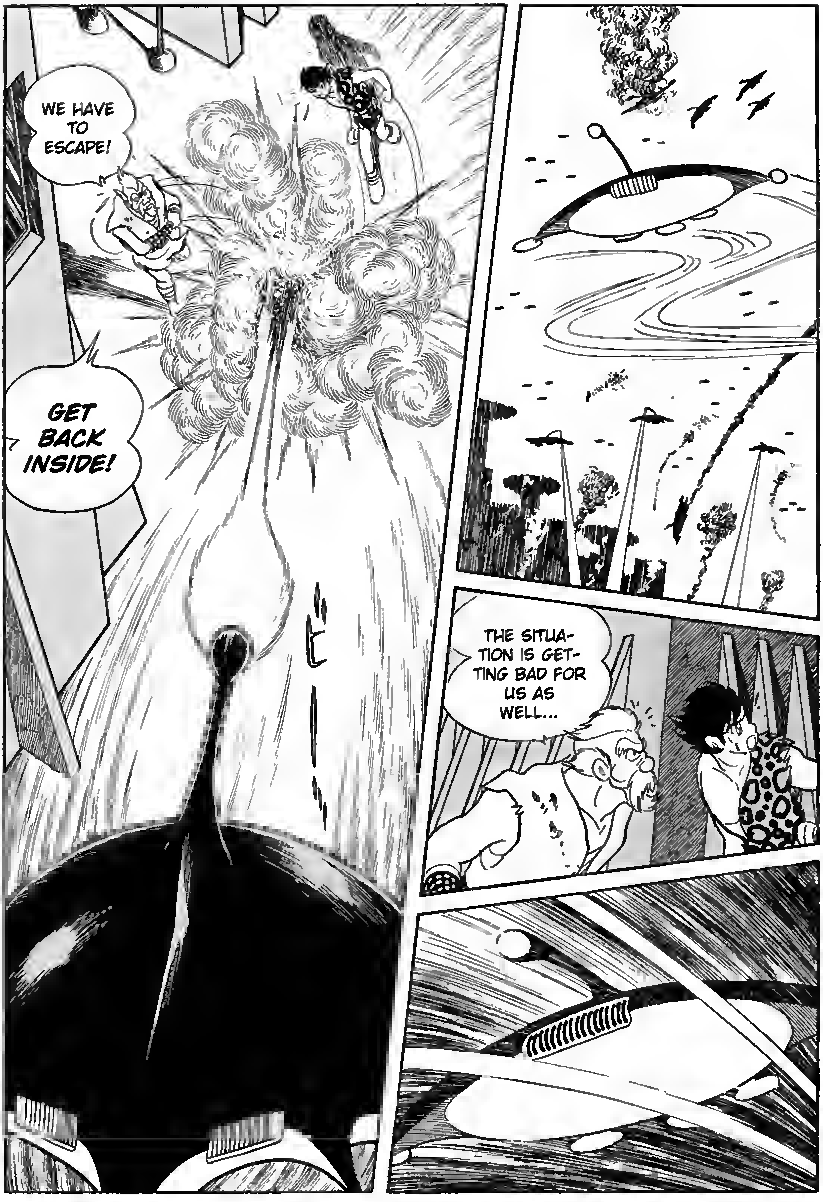

GOD!
LOOK!

LOOK!
YES, THEY'RE BEING DEFEATED!
MORE OF THOSE OFFENSIVE ROBOTS ARE JOINING OUR SIDE!
I REALLY DID IT!
THE ENEMY ROBOTS ARE BEING TAKEN BY SURPRISE ...
CAUSE THEY'RE NOT MADE TO ATTACK ANY OF THEIR OWN KIND.

BUT IT WON'T BE LONG.
NOT YET.
THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN ORDER TO CHANGE THAT.
BAH!
LOOK!
WE HAVE GREATER NUMBERS!
EVEN SO...
BUT ...
AND ALL THESE ROBOTS COULD BE OURS.
WE CAN WIN THIS BATTLE.
AND SO?
IT WON'T STOP AS LONG AS THE CENTRAL COMMAND CAN KEEP GIVING ORDERS.
THERE'LL BE STRONGER ROBOTS THAN THESE!

WE'LL TAKE ONE, AND...
THE ROBOTS WILL TELL US!
HOW?
AND WHERE CAN WE FIND THAT ENTRANCE?
WE HAVE TO REPRO-GRAM IT!
YES! CENTRAL COMMAND!

LOOKS LIKE CENTRAL COMMAND IS BEGINNING TO CATCH ON TO THE SITUATION.
IN THAT CASE...
THEY WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO TELL YOU!
THE FLYING ROBOTS!


WE HAVE TO ESCAPE!
GET BACK INSIDE!
THE SITUATION IS GETTING BAD FOR US AS WELL...

RUN!
IT'S COMING!
HURRY! GO!
SHIT!

IF ONLY YOU COULD TALK, WE COULD HAVE FOUND THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE BY NOW...
ONE ..
WAIT !
JUST CAUSE HE CAN'T DOESN'T MEAN HE DOESN'T KNOW!
DAMN, I'M STUPID!
I LET MYSELF GET DECEIVED BY APPEARANCES.
ONE CAN GUIDE US...
JUST UP TO THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE, EVEN IF HE CAN'T TALK!
ISAAC!
HMPH ...
AND IF I DO THIS...
IT'S TOO LATE, ISN'T IT?
BUT . . .
HIS BODY IS BEYOND RUIN, BUT HIS CENTRAL UNIT DIDN'T RECEIVE MUCH DAMAGE.
YES.
I'M GOING TO TRY AND TRANSFER HIS MEMORIES.
IF THIS WORKS ...

...
SO?
DO YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE UNDER-GROUND ENTRANCE WHERE WE CAN FIND THE SUPER COMPUTER?
YES.
AND YOU CAN BRING US THERE?
YES.
IM-MEDI-ATELY ?
WAIT!
OF COURSE!
AWESOME!
...
TWO?
THERE ARE FLYING ROBOTS WAITING OUTSIDE...

WE'RE GOOD.
YOU CAN COME OUT.
ISAAC!
GOD?
NOT WANTING TO LIVE HERE AND HELPING YOU ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS!
HA HA...
YOU'RE NOT AGAINST MY IDEA?

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